

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass

Vote: 6 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Berger, Edwards C., Esquivel, Holvey, Rosenbaum, Schaufler

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Exc.: Smith P.

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Meeting Dates: 5/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows active Certified Public Accountants or public accounting firms licensed and based in other states to prepare, advise, or assist in the preparation of tax returns for Oregon residents or businesses for a fee without authorization by the Oregon Board of Accountancy or registration with the Oregon Board of Tax Practitioners.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Rationale behind the measure
- Current reciprocal agreements with other states
- Oregon being one of two states which require a license to prepare taxes
- Current movement of creating a national standard to ease licensing requirements for operating in other states

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Under ORS 673.153, the Oregon Board of Accountancy authorizes certified public accountants (CPAs) whose principal place of business is in another state to practice in Oregon. The states are qualified based on meeting the National Association of Boards of Accountancy standards, and all CPAs must pass the same national accreditation test. An out-of-state accountant seeking such authority must currently notify the Oregon board, pay an annual fee of \$100 (amount set by the board), and comply with Oregon accountancy laws. The board has the authority to revoke, suspend, or deny this authority to practice in Oregon. Oregon and out-of-state CPAs that prepare taxes may also be required to be registered by the Oregon Board of Tax Practitioners. SB 748 A allows CPAs based and licensed outside Oregon to prepare taxes for Oregon residents and businesses without licensure by the Board of Accountancy or registration with the Board of Tax Practitioners.

The Board of Accountancy and the Oregon Society of Certified Public Accountants have agreed to work through a task force during the next interim on the broader issue of eliminating licensure requirements for out-of-state accountants.