

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. D. Edwards
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Johnson

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed A-Engrossed

Vote: 17 – 3 – 2

House

Yeas: Buckley, D. Edwards, Garrard, Gilman, Jenson, Komp, Nathanson, Richardson, Shields, G. Smith

Nays:

Exc: Galizio, Kotek

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Carter, Johnson, Monroe, Verger, Walker, Winters

Nays: Girod, Nelson, Whitsett

Exc:

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Meeting Date: April 10, 2009

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Provides legislative ratification of fee increase for the Oregon Real Estate Agency.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Intent of the fee increase is for new applicants to pay fully the cost of their criminal background check, which is provided through the Department of State Police. At the current rate of \$40, existing licensees were subsidizing the cost of this service.
- The fee increase is expected to generate \$21,000 in Other Fund revenues.

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Corrects the increase from \$52 to \$47. The Department of State Police currently charges the Oregon Real Estate Agency \$47.25. The Oregon Real Estate Agency Administrative Rules specifies that fees charged by the agency shall not exceed the fee charged the Department of State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Real Estate Agency requires a criminal background check be conducted on all new license applicants. The intent of the fee increase is for applicants to pay fully the cost of this service, which is provided through the Department of State Police. At the lower rate of \$40, existing licensees were subsidizing the cost of this service. The new fee is effective July 1, 2009. The fee increase is expected to generate \$21,000 in Other Fund revenues.