75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2009 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee on Business and Transportation

REVENUE: No revenue impact **FISCAL:** No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass **Vote:** 4 - 0 - 1

Yeas: George, Schrader, Verger, Metsger

Nays: - Exc.: Starr

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Meeting Dates: 2/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes the Oregon State Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying (OSBEELS) to use national organizations' standardized examinations in evaluating applicant qualifications.

MEASURE:

CARRIER:

SB 144

Sen. George

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Examinations used by other jurisdictions
- Other provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: SB 144 addresses individuals who have met the examination requirements contained in ORS 672.102 outside the State of Oregon; specifically, the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) engineering examinations, even if they did not take the examination through the Oregon State Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying (OSBEELS). Although the Department of Justice has advised that statutory authority exists to implement this process, the Board prefers clarity in statute.