

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. G. Smith
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Monroe

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass

Vote: 17 – 3 – 2

House

Yeas: Buckley, D. Edwards, Galizio, Jenson, Komp, Kotek, Nathanson, Shields

Nays: Garrard, Gilman, Richardson

Exc: G. Smith

Senate

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

Nays:

Exc: Whitsett

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Meeting Date: May 22, 2009

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: SB 5526 ratifies fees for the Oregon Health Licensing Office that were changed by administrative rule in October 2008. This bill makes a number of changes aimed at realigning the fee structure to better proportion the revenues to the resources needed by the agency.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- The reason for the new fee structure
- Whether the new fee structure was a good long term solution
- The need to have the agency return in the interim and report on the funding stream of the new fees, industry feedback, and potential changes for 2009-11

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The 2007 Legislature discussed the need to align the fees within the agency to better reflect the resources needed for each of the small boards. The agency did an extensive study and realigned the fees to raise more revenue for the boards that use more resources. In most cases, it also increased fees for initial applications and lowered the fees for renewals, since initial applications take more resources. A number of the fees changed from an annual renewal to a biennial renewal.