

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

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

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

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Action: Do Pass

Vote: 18 – 2 – 2

House

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

Nays: Richardson

Exc: Galizio

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Johnson, Monroe, Nelson, Verger, Walker, Whitsett, Winters

Nays: Girod

Exc: Carter

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Meeting Date: April 10, 2009

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** SB 5528 ratifies application fees for the Occupational Therapy Licensing Board that were changed by administrative rule in January 2007. This bill makes offsetting adjustments of \$20 to in-state and out of state Occupational Therapist application fees, so that both fees are \$100. The bill also makes offsetting adjustments of \$10 to Occupational Therapist Assistant application fees, so that both fees are \$70.

SB 5528 results in a net a reduction of \$3,060 in fee revenue to the Board in the 2009-11 biennium. The Board has an ending balance of almost one biennium of operating cost, and reduced fees in the 2008 license renewal cycle.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- The process for changing fees and fee ratification

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** The purpose of these fee changes is to make the application fee uniform regardless of the residency of the applicant. This change was made because most applicants are from out-of-state, since there is only one Occupational Therapy school in Oregon.