

2010 Special Session
FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION
Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office

MEASURE NUMBER: SB 1046 **STATUS:** A Engrossed
SUBJECT: Allows qualified psychologists to prescribe certain drugs.
GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED: Oregon Medical Board and Board of Psychologist Examiners
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DATE: February 12, 2010

	<u>2009-2011</u>	<u>2011-2013</u>
EXPENDITURES:		
Oregon Medical Board – Other Funds		
Personal Services	\$ 112,041	\$ 168,061
	\$ 41,194	\$ 57,816
	<u>\$ 153,235</u>	<u>\$ 225,877</u>

	<u>2009-2011</u>	<u>2011-2013</u>
REVENUES:		
Oregon Medical Board – Other Funds		
Licensing Fees	\$ -	\$ 16,260

POSITIONS / FTE: Operations and Policy Analyst 3 1/0.67 1/1.00

EFFECTIVE DATE: On passage.

INTERIM JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS: The budgetary impact of this bill was not reviewed and approved by the Interim Joint Committee on Ways and Means Committee and is not included in the omnibus budget bill to be introduced by the committee.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANDATE: This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

ANALYSIS: This bill would allow licensed psychologists, who meet certain requirements, to prescribe certain medications. A Committee on Prescribing Psychologists, within the Oregon Medical Board, will develop a formulary of approved drugs. In addition, the Committee will be responsible for making recommendations on training programs, qualifications, address complaints and report on the program. The bill also allows psychologists who are denied prescribing authority to utilize the contested case hearing process. In addition, the bill establishes a Task Force on Prescribing Psychologists responsible for developing recommendations on educational requirements, curriculum, clinical training and standards. The Task Force's responsibilities will end on June 30, 2012.

The Board of Psychologist Examiners may experience an increase in contested case hearings due to psychologists who apply for and are denied prescribing authority. It is not precisely known how many cases may go through this process, or if the Board would be a party to the case, but the fiscal impact to the Board's Department of Justice costs and costs associated with the Office of Administrative Hearings, could have a substantive effect on the Board's budget.

The Oregon Medical Board (OMB) anticipates expenses of \$153,235 in 2009-11 and \$225,877 in 2011-13 to cover rulemaking, committee meetings, background checks, and modifications to the licensing system to accommodate the application, processing and monitoring of Prescribing Psychologists. OMB proposes initial application fees of \$375 and renewal fees of \$219 per year. OMB anticipates that this revenue will partially offset the expenses outlined above. It is not known precisely how many psychologists will apply for prescribing authority, but OMB does not anticipate that it will receive significantly higher applications.