

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**Measure: SB 454 - A**

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**Measure Description:**

Exempts certain practitioners from regulation by State Board of Massage Therapists.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Board of Massage Therapists [Semi-Independent Agency]

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

See Analysis

**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:**

Senate Bill 454 modifies statutes relating to the regulation of massage therapy to:

1. Exempt certain practitioners from regulation by State Board of Massage Therapists.
2. Require applicants for an initial license in Oregon as a massage therapist to obtain approval of the board after the board performs a credentialing review to determine the applicant's proficiency in the field of massage.
3. Authorize the board to adopt rules establishing required contact hours of classes in subjects including anatomy, physiology, kinesiology and pathology.

The expenditure impact of this bill to the State Board of Massage Therapists is minimal. The board reports that the practitioners exempt by this bill represents approximately 141 individuals who are currently licensed by the board or 1.5% of the total number of licenses processed by the board in a biennium. The board anticipates a reduction of about \$21,150 Other Funds per biennium reflecting a reduction in the number of licensees. This reduction in revenue will not impact the board significantly; the dollar amount represents about 1.31% of the board's total projected revenue for the 2011-13 biennium. The board can continue to fund its existing staff and operations without this portion of revenue.

Note that the State Board of Massage Therapists is a semi-independent state agency subject to ORS 182.456 to 182.472. The agency's budget is not subject to Executive Branch review, or approval or modification by the Legislative Assembly.