

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Bates, Kruse, Morse, Shields, Monnes Anderson
Nays:	0
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Meeting Dates:	5/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Clarifies authority of State Board of Psychologist Examiners (Board) to impose civil penalties. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current statutory inconsistencies

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Board's mission is to protect consumers of psychological services in Oregon against the unethical, unprofessional and unlicensed practice of psychology. The Board screens, tests, licenses and disciplines psychologists and also investigates and levels civil penalties against individuals who practice psychology without a license.

In 2009, the Legislative Assembly enacted Senate Bill 174, which expands the Board's civil penalty powers under ORS 675.070 from a maximum amount of \$1,000 to a maximum of \$5,000, or \$10,000 under certain conditions.

House Bill 2068 remedies an inconsistency in the Board's statutes by updating the civil penalty authority reference at ORS 675.110(5). This section still caps the civil penalties the Board may impose at \$1,000. House Bill 2068 changes ORS 675.110(5) to reference ORS 675.070 as updated by Senate Bill 174 in 2009.