

REVENUE: No revenue impact
FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Rescind the Subsequent Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means
Vote:	8 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Cannon, Doherty, Hoyle, Kennemer, Parrish, Weidner, Greenlick, Thompson
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/16, 2/28

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires Oregon Board of Optometry, State Board of Massage Therapists, and Physical Therapist Licensing Board to present board adopted budgets to Governor, President of the Senate, Speaker(s) of the House and Legislative Fiscal Officer on or before February 1 of each odd-numbered year. Specifies that boards adopt Oregon Department of Administrative Services personnel policies, job classifications, position qualifications, and salary ranges and apply State Personnel Relations Law and provisions relating to salaries and expenses.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Concerns relating to current semi-independent boards
- State personnel policies and budgetary oversight
- Review *A Model of Efficiency for Small State Agencies* Report
- Proposed amendment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Requires Oregon Board of Optometry, State Board of Massage Therapists, and Physical Therapist Licensing Board to present board adopted budgets to Governor, President of the Senate, Speaker(s) of the House and Legislative Fiscal Officer on or before February 1 of each odd-numbered year. Specifies that these boards apply State Personnel Relations Law and provisions relating to salaries and expenses.

BACKGROUND: Oregon has eleven boards that are classified as “semi-independent.” Three of these boards govern health related practitioners: Oregon Board of Optometry, State Board of Massage Therapists, and the Physical Therapists Licensing Board. By being semi-independent these boards have the following authorities:

- They are exempt from all provisions of the State Personnel Relations Law Chapter 240 and Salaries and Expenses of Officers and Employees (Chapter 292). They may write their own personnel practices, subject to review by Oregon Department of Administrative Services (DAS)
- They are exempt from all provisions of the state Public Contracting law (Chapter 279A) and the Public Procurements law (Chapter 279B). They may write their own contracting and purchasing procedures, subject to review by DAS
- They may establish their own budget, subject to public notice and hearing, but the budget is specifically not subject to review by Budget and Management (BAM), the Legislative Assembly or the Emergency Board
- They must submit an annual financial statement to DAS, within 90 days of the end of the fiscal year. The Secretary of State conducts financial reviews of the boards
- They may establish their own fee structure for their licensees
- Funds collected from fees are deposited into bank accounts chosen by the boards, not the state treasury
- Boards report bi-annually to the Legislative Assembly and the Governor on their beginning and ending fund balances, current fees charged, number of licensees, number of applications, number licenses issued, types of investigations, etc.

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