

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
Vote:	4 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Kruse, Morse, Shields, Monnes Anderson
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Bates
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Meeting Dates:	5/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Provides that State Personnel Relations Law applies to Oregon Board of Optometry, State Board of Massage Therapists, and Physical Therapist Licensing Board (boards). Requires boards to present adopted budgets to Governor, President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives and Legislative Fiscal Officer on or before February 1 of each odd-numbered year.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Previous legislation and work group process
- “Semi-independent” board exemption from state personnel and salary requirements
- “Semi-independent” board exemption from Ways & Means budget process
- Pilot nature of budget submission requirement

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Legislative Assembly first considered granting state agencies “semi-independent” status in 1991. This designation allows agencies to operate in a more business-like manner by exempting them from some requirements that are imposed on other agencies. Requirements “semi-independent” agencies are exempted from include: (a) state personnel and salary requirements; (b) public contracting and procurement laws; (c) fund investment requirements; and (d) budget review and approval by the Legislative Assembly or the Budget and Management Division of the Department of Administrative Services. Oregon currently has fourteen agencies classified as “semi-independent,” including three health care regulatory boards: Oregon Board of Optometry, State Board of Massage Therapists, and the Physical Therapists Licensing Board.

House Bill 2381-A brings these three boards more in line with the other health care regulatory boards by requiring them to be subject to the State Personnel Relations Law, including job classification and salary provisions. The bill also initiates a pilot project through which the boards will present adopted budgets to the Governor, President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives and Legislative Fiscal Officer on or before February 1st of each odd-numbered year.