

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
Vote:	7 - 0 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Cannon, Doherty, Hoyle, Kennemer, Parrish, Greenlick, Thompson
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
Abs:	Weidner
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Meeting Dates:	2/16, 3/28

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows health professional regulatory boards to which moneys in fund or account are continuously appropriated to spend, without limitation, specified percentage of moneys in fund or account for expenses related to conducting contested case proceedings.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current budgetary environment of most regulatory boards
- Review of annual case load
- Importance of budgetary preparedness
- No General Fund expenditure
- Contested case hearing process and costs
- Importance of efficiency and improving current procedures

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: On May 17, 2009, Governor Kulongoski presented to the Portland City Club encouraging the Oregon Legislature to rethink “business as usual” throughout State government. One of the suggestions made by the Governor was the consolidation, suspension or elimination of more than 200 Boards and Commissions. On September 3, 2009, the Governor issued Executive Order number 09-13, establishing the Reset Cabinet, which was tasked with advising the Governor on options for restructuring State government, addressing:

- The prioritization of core functions, including the consolidation and elimination of boards and commissions; and
- Improving outcomes, controlling costs, and maximizing efficiencies by controlling service delivery and providing greater flexibility, where needed.

In response to the EO 09-13, the Governor’s office began a specific review of the Health Professional Regulatory Boards. The review was established under the leadership of Representative Val Hoyle and Senior Health Policy Analyst Claudia Black. A comprehensive stakeholder workgroup was formed with representation from the leadership of all the Health Professional Regulatory Boards and from the related industry associations.

House Bill 2394 is the result of a recommendation submitted by the Reset Cabinet.

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