

## STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on General Government, Consumer &amp; Small Business Protection

**REVENUE: Minimal revenue impact, no statement issued****FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued**


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<b>Action:</b>	Without Recommendation as to Passage and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference
<b>Vote:</b>	5 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Boquist, Dingfelder, George, Rosenbaum, Shields
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
<b>Prepared By:</b>	Jan Nordlund, Administrator
<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	2/13

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Terminates semi-independent agency status of Appraiser Certification and Licensure Board as of July 1, 2013. Requires Board to provide person opportunity for a hearing under the Administrative Procedures Act if Board proposes to refuse to issue new or renewed certificate, license, or registration or proposes to revoke or suspend certificate, license, or registration. Requires Board to comply with State Personnel Relations Law. Specifies that fees set by Board may not exceed administrative costs, and fees, prior to adoption, must be approved by Department of Administrative Services and submitted to Emergency Board. Establishes Appraiser Certification and Licensure Fund. Modifies qualifications of county assessor to include five years of experience as principal real estate broker licensed in county in which the candidate is seeking election. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Investigatory practices of the Board
- Conflict of interest for Board members
- Dispute resolution practices of the Board
- Cost-efficiencies with semi-independent status
- History of open complaints

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** There are ten boards and one commission that have been granted semi-independent agency status. Semi-independent agencies are, with few exceptions, exempt from the following ORS chapters:

- 240 – State Personnel Relations
- 276 – Public Facilities
- 279A, B, and C – Public Contracting Code
- 282 – Public Printing
- 283 – Interagency Services
- 291 – State Financial Administration
- 292 – Salaries and Expenses of State Officers and Employees
- 293 – Administration of Public Funds

The Appraiser Certification and Licensure Board certifies and regulates real estate appraisers and appraiser assistants in Oregon. It received semi-independent status in 2001. The Board is responsible for ensuring that all real estate-appraisal activities conducted in Oregon are in compliance with state and federal laws and standards. The Board also has the responsibility of ensuring the availability of state-certified appraisers; establishing and developing appraisal education and experience requirements; and ensuring that appraisals are performed in writing and in accordance with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice by individuals whose competency has been demonstrated and whose professional conduct is subject to effective supervision.

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