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### Senate Health Care and Human Services Committee

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## SB 106

Testimony of  
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SB 106 is a companion measure to the Chiropractic Board's budget (SB 5508) which is tentatively scheduled for Ways and Means hearing on February 20<sup>th</sup>. SB 106 and the Board's budget proposals are supported by the Oregon Chiropractic Association.

The Chiropractic Board is grappling with many challenges:

- Our complaints and case numbers have risen from 69 in 2010 to 143 in 2012.
- The complexity has increased, with many complaints requiring much more investigative effort (sexual misconduct, excessive treatment, billing fraud, unlicensed practice.)
- Our AG legal and contested case costs have increased significantly.
- We have more licensees on probation and others being monitored than ever before.

The Chiropractic Board is our meeting our mission of public protection, *but we need help!*

**What the measure does:** This measure removes the statutory fee references and limits for the Board of Chiropractic Examiners and the Board of Pharmacy, the only two health regulatory boards that have these in statute. The measure would allow these two boards to set their license fees by administrative rule, subject to the budgetary and the SB 333 post-approval processes.

**Proposed Fee Increase:** The Chiropractic Board has proposed to increase chiropractic physician Active license renewal \$50, from \$300 to \$350 a year. Those fees were last increased in 2001.

For Certified Chiropractic Assistant applications, a \$25 increase is proposed, from \$25 to \$50; and for annual renewals a \$25 increase is proposed, from \$50 to \$75. Those fees have not been increased since their inception in 1991.

This would produce additional revenues of approximately \$203,256 for the 2013-15 biennium. These increases are dependent upon approval of SB 106.



As of January 14, 2013, there were 1540 active chiropractic physicians and 327 with inactive status, and 1307 certified chiropractic assistants.

The additional revenues support policy packages proposed for the Ways & Means consideration:

- 1) Increase funding for Attorney General legal costs,
- 2) Create a half-time chiropractic professional position (health care investigator) to assist the board with investigations, mentoring and probation monitoring, and
- 3) Maintain the required ending balance.