

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**Measure: SB 108**

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**Measure Description:**

Authorizes Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine to require person disciplined by board to pay reasonable costs of disciplinary hearing.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Board of Naturopathic Examiners

**Local Government Mandate:**

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

**Analysis:**

Senate Bill 108 clarifies the wording of statutes relating to disciplinary actions for practitioners of naturopathic medicine, and authorizes the Board of Naturopathic Medicine to require individuals disciplined by the Board to pay the cost of the disciplinary proceedings, including, but not limited to, hearing costs, attorney fees and investigatory costs.

Passage of this bill is anticipated to have an indeterminate but minimal impact on the Board's revenue stream. Currently, all costs incurred with a contested case are covered by licensing fees. The amount of contested case costs collected from individuals disciplined by Board will depend on the number of contested cases, and the successful collection rate. At this time, the number of contested cases cannot be predicted.

As a point of reference, the Board provides the following information: Within the past five years, the Board has handled 12 contested cases. Expenditures for the 12 cases were approximately \$206,537 in total. Extrapolating from this data, the average number of contested case per year for the Board is approximately 2.4 cases, and the average per case cost is \$17,211 with the least costly case estimated at \$2,315, and the most costly case estimated at \$62,400.