

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass and Be Placed on the Consent Calendar
Vote:	10 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Barton, Fagan, Holvey, Kennemer, Matthews, Thatcher, Thompson, Weidner, Witt, Doherty
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/22

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows an applicant enrolled in final year of a curriculum approved by State Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying to take fundamentals of engineering examination or fundamentals of land surveying examination as applicable. Requires applicant to furnish Board with proof of successful completion of curriculum. Allows Board to administer computer-based examinations. Authorizes Board to consider education in lieu of degree as qualification for fundamentals of land surveying examination. Changes title of Board secretary to Board administrator.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Housekeeping provisions
- Registration process for engineers and land surveyors moving to Oregon

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon State Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying (OSBEELS), established in 1919, is the state's regulatory agency for persons practicing engineering, land surveying, photogrammetric mapping and water right examination. OSBEELS oversees examinations for certification and registration to ensure that only qualified individuals are licensed to operate in those fields in the state. The Board was granted semi-independent status in 1997 on a pilot basis, which became permanent in 1999 with the passage of Senate Bill 1127.

The Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) examination is the first step in obtaining a license to practice as a professional engineer, as it is a prerequisite to being eligible to take the Professional Engineering (PE) examination. Similarly, land surveyors must first take the Fundamentals of Land Surveying exam before sitting to take the Professional Land Surveying examination.

Senate Bill 208 specifies that college students currently in their final year of an OSBEELS-approved curriculum may receive a waiver to allow them to take the Fundamentals of Engineering examination or the Fundamentals of Land Surveying examination. If a student taking the exam under the waiver does not later provide an official transcript showing the successful completion of the curriculum, then any passing score of the exam is vacated. The measure prohibits the Board from refunding any part of the fee if the applicant fails to provide the transcripts as required by the Board's rule.

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