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Measure: SB 617 – B

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Measure Description:

Requires Appraiser Certification and Licensure Board to convene panel to determine whether objective basis exists to believe that alleged violation of provisions governing real estate appraisers has occurred before disciplining person.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Appraiser Certification and Licensure Board [Semi-Independent Agency]

Summary of Expenditure Impact: See Analysis

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:

The Appraiser Certification and Licensure Board (ACLB) is a semi-independent state agency, subject to ORS 182.456 to 182.472. The agency's budget is not subject to Executive Branch review, or approval or modification by the Legislative Assembly. Additional fiscal expenses incurred by the ACLB are handled within their own budgeting process and may result in fee increases for the various licenses, registrations and certifications issued by the Board.

The measure requires the ACLB to establish a subcommittee of three members of the board to make recommendations as to whether an objective basis exists to believe an alleged violation occurred and a person is subject to discipline. The subcommittee is directed to review the facts within 30 days and make their recommendation to the full board. The measure allows the board to commence disciplinary actions after receiving the report or without receiving the report if there is serious danger to the public health or safety.

The ACLB states that the board has recently established a subcommittee process to review violation and disciplinary cases that are brought to the attention of the ACLB similar to the provisions of the measure. The board established this process without additional staffing resources; however the process has not been fully implemented at this time. The board anticipates reviewing staffing requirements as the subcommittee review is fully implemented and may necessitate a part-time Compliance Specialist (0.50 FTE) at an estimated cost of \$65,464 per biennium depending on the workload volume.

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