

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	6 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Edwards, Girod, Monroe, Starr, Thomsen, Beyer
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Patrick Brennan, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	2/5

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes the State Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying to suspend, revoke or refuse to issue, restore or renew a certificate or permit, or to issue a reprimand, for failing to pay a civil penalty or fee in the manner prescribed by the Board, or for failing to meet any other term of a final order of the Board.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Clarification made by amendment
- Amount of civil fees assessed by the Board

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Clarifies that suspension, revocation or refusal to issue, restore or renew a certificate or permit on the basis of a conviction for a felony is subject to the terms of ORS 670.280.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon State Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying (OSBEELS), established in 1919, is the state’s regulatory agency for those 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.

OSBEELS has the authority to assess civil penalties or fees through a final order against those who practice in the fields regulated by the Board; however, the Board currently lacks clear statutory authority to take action against a certified or registered individual for failing to pay the civil penalty or fine. Senate Bill 209-A provides the Board with authority to suspend, revoke or refuse to issue/renew a certificate or registration to an individual for failure to comply with the terms of a civil penalty.