

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Huffman
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Winters

Revenue:

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Ratifies fee changes approved by the Department of Administrative Services and adopted administratively by the Construction Contractors Board, the Department of Consumer and Business Services, and the Oregon Health Authority. The measure provides the enabling legislation necessary to approve fees adopted through Administrative Rule.

The Department of Consumer and Business Services established fees to allow owners of self-service storage facilities to apply for a limited license to sell personal property insurance to occupants of a self-service storage unit.

The Construction Contractors Board established fees for a new continuing education system for residential contractors.

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) established two new fees required as a part of new legislation passed in the 2013 session. HB 3345 requires the regulation of non-transplant anatomical research recovery organizations by OHA. In HB 3460, OHA is directed to register medical marijuana facilities, and is authorized to adopt fees for that purpose.

The Oregon State Public Health Laboratory, a part of OHA, previously had a fee schedule for specific communicable disease tests. They have now adopted the fee schedule for Medicaid fee-for-service, which raises some fees, reduces others, and establishes new fees.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Budget impacts
- Fee ratification process

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: ORS 291.055(1)(e) mandates that all new state agency fees or fee increases adopted between regular sessions of the Legislative Assembly are rescinded upon adjournment of the next regular session unless authorized by enabling legislation setting forth the approved fees.