

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass
<b>Vote:</b>	10 - 0 - 1
<b>Yeas:</b>	Barton, Fagan, Holvey, Kennemer, Matthews, Thatcher, Thompson, Weidner, Witt, Doherty
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	Freeman
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	2/21

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Clarifies that statutory provisions regulating investigators do not apply to persons authorized to engage in public accountancy in Oregon. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Dual licensure was not intention of prior legislation
- Both licensing entities support exception
- Requiring dual licensure is barrier to hiring

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** Persons participating in activities that fall under ORS Chapter 703 are considered to be investigators and are required to be licensed by the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) unless otherwise excepted. Existing exceptions are provided for a number of professions, many of which are regulated by different governmental agencies.

Senate Bill 1549 specifies that regulations relating to investigators do not apply to persons engaged in the practice of public accountancy and who are licensed by the Oregon Board of Accountancy. Proponents of the measure assert that there is no public policy rationale for licensure by both DPSST and the Board of Accountancy, even for certified public accountants who engage in investigatory work.