

**PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**CARRIER:**

House Committee on Consumer Protection and Government Effectiveness

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

**SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO:** None

**Action:**

**Vote:**

**Yeas:**

**Nays:**

**Exc.:**

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/31

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Specifies that new or increased fees adopted by state agency do not become effective unless approved by Legislative Assembly by law. Provides exception in case of emergency. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

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

**BACKGROUND:** Oregon law provides that new or increased administrative fees adopted on or after sine die of a regular session of the Legislative Assembly go into effect once approved by the chief officer of the appropriate branch of government, including the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services for the executive branch, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court for the judicial branch, and the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives for the legislative branch. However, new or increased administrative fees will be rescinded on adjournment sine die of the next regular session unless authorized by enabling legislation.

House Bill 2975 provides that new or increased agency fees do not become effective unless authorized by the Legislative Assembly by enabling legislation, and take effect on the effective date of the enabling legislation or on the date specified in the rule adopting the fee or fee increase, whichever is later. House Bill 2975 adds an exception in statute for new or increased fees required because of emergency circumstances and for which the chief officer of the appropriate branch of government declare an emergency.