

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**Measure: SB 581 - A**Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2015 Regular Session
Legislative Fiscal Office***Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed
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Measure Description:

Changes fee for application for or renewal of permit to practice public accountancy.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Board of Accountancy

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:

Senate Bill 581 is the fee bill for the Oregon Board of Accountancy at the request of the Oregon Society of Certified Public Accountants (OSCPA). It reflects the outcome of negotiations between OSCP, the Oregon Association of Independent Accountants (OAIA), and the Board. The bill will help the Board maintain an adequate cash flow and ending fund balance.

The bill increases:

- The Individual Active CPA/PA licensure two-year renewal from \$160 to \$255. This \$95 increase impacts about 6,600 active-level individual licensees. Assuming a stable, no-growth trend, this increase is projected to raise \$313,500 in Other Funds revenues for the 2015-17 biennium.
- The two-year renewal fee for the approximately 1,000 firms registered by the Board from \$175 to \$265. Assuming a stable, no-growth trend, this \$90 increase is projected to raise \$90,000 in Other Funds revenues for the 2015-17 biennium.

This bill is not tied to a policy option package in the Governor's Budget for the Board, and addresses a looming shortfall in revenues to sustain Board operations. Specifically, the Board's ending balance is dropping significantly this biennium (by approx. \$450,000) to about \$1 million, and the remaining ending balance is currently projected to drop another \$650,000 next biennium. The Board is a 100% Other Fund agency whose main revenue source is fees paid by Board licensees.