

HB 2328 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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Meeting Dates: 3/7

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Renames the State Board of Psychologist Examiners to Oregon Board of Psychology.

REVENUE: No revenue impact.

FISCAL: Has minimal fiscal impact.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Board of Psychologist Examiners (OBPE) was created for the purpose of examining and licensing all persons in Oregon who engage in the practice of psychology. The Board consists of nine members; six members are licensed psychologists; and three members are from the general public. All members are appointed by the Governor to three-year terms and confirmed by the Senate.

The Board has found that the agency name is cumbersome, reflects an antiquated notion of the Board's function, and can be confusing to the public. The mission of the Board is broader than the examination, and asserts that changing the name to the "Oregon Board of Psychology" better reflects their current goals.