

SB 885 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Business and Transportation

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Reduces from 25 years to eight years the amount of time an applicant for registration by the State Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying must have held registration or license in another jurisdiction in order for the Board to waive the requirement to take the fundamentals of engineering examination. Authorizes Board to also waive the practical engineer's examination requirement for applicant if applicant has held similar registration or license in another jurisdiction for at least eight years.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon State Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying (OSBEELS) was established in 1919 and currently serves as the state's regulatory entity for the practice of engineering, land surveying, photogrammetric mapping, and water right examination. As a semi-independent state agency, OSBEELS ensures that only competent persons are granted licenses to practice and that only licensed individuals practice professionally in these fields. The Board is made up of eleven members, appointed by the governor for four-year terms, including two licensed, professional land surveyors; five registered, professional engineers; one person who is both a licensed land surveyor and registered engineer; one registered photogrammetrist; and two members of the general public.