

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 855 - A

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Measure Description:

Directs professional licensing boards to develop pathways to licensure, certification or other authorization to practice occupation or profession for specified persons.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Mental Health Regulatory Agency (MHRA), Oregon Board of Dentistry (OBD), Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine (OBNM), Oregon Board of Medical Imaging (OBMI), Oregon Board of Pharmacy (OBOP), Oregon Board of Tax Practitioners (OBTP), Board of Architect Examiners, Oregon Racing Commission (ORC), Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (BSPA), Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN), Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists (BLPCT), Oregon Veterinary Medical Examining Board (OVMEB), Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC), Board of Massage Therapists, Construction Contractors Board (CCB), Landscape Architect Board, Landscape Contractors Board, Occupational Therapy Licensing Board (OTLB), Oregon Board of Chiropractic Examiners (OBCE), Oregon Board of Psychology, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), Appraiser Certification and Licensure Board, Oregon Medical Board (OMB), Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Board of Accountancy (BOA), Oregon Mortuary and Cemetery Board (OMCB), Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying, Oregon Real Estate Agency (OREA), Board of Geologist Examiners, Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB), Board of Licensed Social Workers (BLSW), Physical Therapist Licensing Board, Board of Optometry, Health-Related Licensing Boards (HRLB)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are anticipated to be minimal - See explanatory analysis.

Analysis:

SB 855 - A provides that professional licensing boards should study how immigrants and refugees are authorized to practice a profession regulated by the board. Boards are directed to adopt methods to reduce barriers to licensing and certification for immigrants and refugees. Professional licensing boards are directed to report to the Legislature on their progress in meeting the requirements of this bill no later than November 30, 2019.

There is likely to be a minimal fiscal impact related to this bill for most of the affected boards. Each board has a different licensing process and implementation of this measure could require boards to change licensing processes. These potential costs will not be clear until after boards have assessed their licensing practices in regard to immigrants and refugees.