

HB 2114 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Moore-Green

House Committee On Behavioral Health

Action Date: 03/24/21

Action: Do Pass.

Vote: 9-0-0-0

Yeas: 9 - Lively, Moore-Green, Morgan, Nosse, Reynolds, Salinas, Sanchez, Sollman, Wright

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/3, 3/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes Oregon Board of Psychology (Board) to assess costs associated with disciplinary action to person against whom disciplinary action is taken. Prohibits board from assessing costs below \$3,000. Allows board to assess up to 50 percent of costs between \$3,000 and \$6,000. Allows board to assess up to 100 percent of total costs over \$6,000. Limits cost assessments to disciplinary actions taken on or after January 1, 2022. Authorizes BOP to take any action necessary before January 1, 2022 to enable board to assess costs by January 1, 2022. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Tiered cost of assessments
- Reasons for disciplinary actions
- Number of licensees

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Board of Psychology (Board) is housed in the Mental Health Regulatory Agency and oversees and licenses anyone practicing psychology in the state of Oregon. The Board's responsibilities include adopting rules and a code of ethics; establishing standards of service, training, and educational qualifications for the rendering of ethical psychological services in Oregon. The board also determines the qualifications of applicants to practice psychology in Oregon, investigates alleged violations of the laws administered by the board; and imposes appropriate penalties.

The Board consists of nine members appointed by the Governor to three-year terms and confirmed by the Senate. Six board positions are for licensed psychologists and three are for members from the general public, not associated with the profession.

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