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**To:** Capital Construction Subcommittee  
**From:** Haylee Morse-Miller, Legislative Fiscal Office  
**Date:** March 3, 2026  
**Subject:** HB 5203 – Relating to state financial administration  
Work Session Recommendations

HB 5203 is the omnibus fee ratification bill for the 2026 legislative session. Under ORS 291.055, new or increased fees adopted by rule by state agencies during the interim period between legislative sessions require administrative approval by the Department of Administrative Services and then must be ratified by the Legislative Assembly, in order to remain in effect after the next legislative session adjourns sine die. This measure provides the enabling legislation necessary to approve fees adopted through administrative rule by state agencies. Additional details regarding individual fee increase amounts and anticipated revenues for each agency can be found in the measure's fiscal impact statement, which is posted on OLIS.

SB 1552 (2024) allows individuals to petition a licensing board for a determination as to whether a criminal conviction would preclude them from receiving an occupational license. Under this legislation, agencies were authorized to establish a fee for processing of petitions. The Occupational Therapy Licensing Board, Mental Health Regulatory Agency, Oregon State Board of Nursing, Oregon Board of Pharmacy, Oregon Board of Chiropractic Examiners, and Oregon Health Authority (OHA) all established license predetermination fees.

In addition to the new license predetermination fee, the measure establishes, increases, or modifies multiple fees for programs administered by OHA, including Psilocybin Services, the Health Care Workforce Database, and the Art Therapy program.

One new fee was established, and multiple fees were increased, by the Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine (OBNM). Due to the agency's license renewal cycle, OBNM requires an

ending balance each biennium that is equivalent to at least six months of operating reserves. Despite significant reductions, the Board’s ending balance is projected to fall below the six-month reserve requirement by the end of the 2025-27 biennium. The fee increases included in this measure are projected to support existing agency operations through the 2027-29 biennium and potentially into the 2029-31 biennium.

The Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission established a hemp product registration amendment fee for changes to registered product labels and information during the annual registration period.

The Oregon Medical Board established initial and renewal registration fees related to the Five-Needle Protocol Technician Registry, as authorized under HB 2143 (2025).

The measure establishes and modifies multiple fees for the Removal-Fill Regulatory Program within the Department of State Lands, as authorized under HB 2238 (2023).

The measure modifies the Oregon Department of Agriculture’s per-hour third-party audit certification program fee, to align with the current federal rate established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

### Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 5203 be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

**MOTION: I move HB 5203 to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation.**  
*(vote)*

### Carriers

Full Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

House Floor: \_\_\_\_\_

Senate Floor: \_\_\_\_\_