

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 5203

Fee Ratification

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Capital Construction Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Lieber

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 to remain in effect after the legislative session adjourns sine die. This measure provides the enabling legislation necessary to approve fees adopted through administrative rule by state agencies.

Six agencies established fees related to SB 1552, which passed in 2024. SB 1552 allows individuals to petition a licensing board for a determination as to whether a criminal conviction would preclude them from receiving an occupational license, and it permits agencies to establish a fee for processing petitions.

The measure modifies and establishes fees charged by the Oregon Health Authority for the Psilocybin Services Program, the Art Therapy Program, and the Health Care Workforce Database.

The Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission established a fee for hemp product registration amendments, and the Oregon Department of Agriculture modified one fee to align with federal rates.

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

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

One fee was established and multiple fees were increased by the Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine to maintain sufficient operating reserves.

The Capital Construction Subcommittee recommends HB 5203 be reported out do pass.