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Bill Title: Relating to the impaired health professional program; prescribing an effective date.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Board of Medical Imaging, Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, Veterinary Medical Examining Board, Board of Massage Therapists, Oregon Medical Board, Board of Naturopathic Medicine, Board of Nursing, Occupational Therapy Licensing Board, Board of Pharmacy, Board of Physical Therapy, Oregon Health Authority, Board of Chiropractic Examiners, Board of Licensed Social Workers, Mortuary and Cemetery Board, Board of Optometry, Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists, Board of Dentistry, Health Related Licensing Boards, Board of Psychology

Summary of Revenue Impact

| 2025-27 Biennium | General Fund | Lottery Funds | Other Funds | Federal Funds | Total Funds | Positions | FTE |
|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------|-----------|----------|
| Oregon Medical Board | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 1,250,000 | \$ - | \$ 1,250,000 | - | - |
| Oregon Board of Pharmacy | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 900,000 | \$ - | \$ 900,000 | - | - |
| Total Revenue Impact | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 2,150,000 | \$ - | \$ 2,150,000 | - | - |

| 2027-29 Biennium | General Fund | Lottery Funds | Other Funds | Federal Funds | Total Funds | Positions | FTE |
|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------|-----------|----------|
| Oregon Medical Board | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 1,250,000 | \$ - | \$ 1,250,000 | - | - |
| Oregon Board of Pharmacy | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 900,000 | \$ - | \$ 900,000 | - | - |
| Total Revenue Impact | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 2,150,000 | \$ - | \$ 2,150,000 | - | - |

- Projected revenues are dependent on the number of eligible licensees during the biennium.

Measure Description

The measure modifies the impaired health professional program and permits health professional licensing boards to impose a \$25 fee on all licensees who are eligible to enroll in the board's impaired health professional program.

Fiscal Analysis

The Health Professional Services Program (HPSP) is a voluntary program where the participating health boards licensees may enroll to address alcohol, substance abuse, or mental health disorders. The Oregon Health Authority administered the program from 2010 to 2017; however, HB 4016 (2016) authorized the participating health boards to establish or contract for program services. Uprise Health has administered the program since 2017. Currently, three health professional boards participate in the program: the Oregon Board of Dentistry (OBD), the Oregon Medical Board (OMB), and the Oregon Board of Pharmacy (OBOP). However, OBD will no longer fund the program for its licensees as of June 30, 2025.

Costs for the Health Professional Services Program are shared amongst the participating boards and weighted based on the number of licensees of each board. These boards generate revenue for operating expenses, including participation in the HPSP, from licensee applications and renewals. The measure's introduction of a \$25 fee will provide a new revenue source that boards can use to finance the HPSP outside of the normal licensing revenues. Should the measure pass, boards may require an adjustment to their Other Funds expenditure limitation to receive and expend this additional revenue.

Oregon Medical Board

The Oregon Medical Board has budgeted \$813,000 Other Funds for the Health Professional Services Program in 2023-25. Currently, OMB has approximately 25,000 licensees, with the addition of this new fee, the board can expect an estimated \$1.3 million Other Funds in additional revenue in 2025-27. Projected fee revenue for 2027-29 is dependent on the number of licensees the board has at that time. For this analysis, it is assumed the board will not have fewer than the current 25,000 licensees. The agency will have additional costs related to educating its licensees and rulemaking, but those costs are minimal.

Oregon Board of Pharmacy

The Board of Pharmacy's has budgeted \$715,000 Other Funds for the Health Professional Services Program in 2023-25. OBOP's portion of the Health Professional Services Program is estimated to increase in the 2025-27 biennium and the Governor's budget for the board includes a policy option package increasing Other Funds expenditure limitation by \$126,441 to cover continuing HPSP services. Assuming all licensees are eligible to enroll, the estimated revenue for OBOP's 17,994 licensees is approximately \$900,000 Other Funds in 2025-27. Further guidance is needed to clarify if the fee applies only to Oregon licensees, or any licensee registered with the board, and whether all license types are eligible, this clarification may impact estimated revenue projections. Projected fee revenue for 2027-29 is dependent on the number of licensees the board has at that time, for this analysis, it is assumed the board will not have fewer than the current 17,994 licensees. The agency will have additional costs related to educating its licensees and rulemaking, but those costs are minimal.

The remaining health professional licensing boards do not participate in an impaired health professional program and do not have a revenue impact. However, should a board elect to participate in the HPSP, the \$25 fee per licensee would generate additional revenue to cover the costs of the program.

Relevant Dates

Boards may take any action necessary to ensure they implement the measure on the operative date.

The measure takes effect on the 91st day after sine die.