## 74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

MEASURE: CARRIER:

FISCAL: No fiscal impact		
Action:		Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:		5 - 0 - 0
	Yeas:	George G., Kruse, Monnes Anderson, Verger, Morrisette
	Nays:	0
	Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:		4/11, 5/7

## **REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Expands authority of State Board of Chiropractic Examiners (Board) to deny licensure. Revises references of "limited active" to "Active Senior." Stipulates that chiropractic physicians may, with proper training, utilize medical oxygen in emergency situations. Reduces period before renewal date that Board is required to send renewal notice from 60 days to 30 days. Increases minimum number of years a chiropractor must practice in the state before serving on the Board from one to five. Clarifies continuing education language.

## **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Current language limitations relating to use of phrase "moral turpitude"
- Oxygen use and emergency first aid by chiropractic physicians
- Other housekeeping provisions of bill
- Important to protect people from false allegations by limiting Board's authority to deny licensure only to those who are found guilty by a court or administrative proceeding
- · Amendment needed to clarify conditions under which Board can deny licensure

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Removes language which would allow Board to deny licensure for any act or conduct derogatory to the practice of chiropractic or chiropractic assisting that would cause a reasonable person to doubt a practitioner's ability to safely treat patients. Inserts language that would allow Board to deny licensure for an act or conduct that results in a judgment of wrongdoing by a court or administrative proceeding that is rationally connected to the ability to practice chiropractic or chiropractic assistance.

**BACKGROUND:** The Oregon Board of Chiropractic Examiners, established under ORS 684.130, is comprised of seven members; five board members are chiropractic physicians and two are public members. The mission of the Oregon Board of Chiropractic Examiners is to protect and benefit public health and safety, and promote quality in the chiropractic profession.