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| Action: | Do Pass as Amended, Be Printed Engrossed, and Be Placed on the Consent Calendar |
| Vote: | 7 - 0 - 2 |
| Yeas: | Bonamici, Bruun, Cannon, Flores, Kotek, Maurer, Greenlick |
| Nays: | 0 |
| Exc.: | Gelser, Richardson |
| Prepared By: | Sandy Thiele-Cirka, Administrator |
| Meeting Dates: | 3/29 (Policy sub), 4/17 (Policy sub), 4/20 (Full) |

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Permits a person who has completed a doctoral program in Oriental medicine from a federally-recognized accredited school to use designation of “Doctor of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine” as part of person’s practice.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Issues associated with the term “Oriental”
- Federal recognition of the degree credential is pending
- Appropriate statutory location for new language
- Concerns associated with scope of using the title “Doctor”
- Proposed amendment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Adds the title, Doctor of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine, designation to ORS 676.110, Use of Titles for Health Care Professions.

BACKGROUND: The Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (ACAOM) was established in June 1982 by the Council of Colleges of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (CCAOM). The commission acts as an independent body to evaluate first professional master’s degree and professional master’s level certificate and diploma programs in acupuncture and first professional master’s degree and professional master’s level certificate and diploma programs in Oriental medicine with a concentration in both acupuncture and herbal therapies for a level of performance, integrity and quality that entitles them to the confidence of the educational community and the public they serve. The commission establishes accreditation criteria, arranges site visits, evaluates programs that desire accredited status, and publicly designates those that meet the criteria. The accrediting process requires programs to examine their goals, activities and outcomes, to consider the criticism and suggestions of a visiting team, to determine internal procedures for action on recommendations from the commission, and to maintain continuous self-study and improvement mechanisms. The commission is the sole agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education to accredit professional master’s degree and master’s level programs in the field. ACAOM is also a charter member of the Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors

There are two accredited acupuncture and Oriental medicine schools in Oregon, the National College of Naturopathic Medicine and the Oregon College of Oriental Medicine, both of which are in Portland.

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