

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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| Action: | Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure |
| Vote: | 5 - 0 - 0 |
| Yeas: | George G., Kruse, Monnes Anderson, Verger, Morrisette |
| Nays: | 0 |
| Exc.: | 0 |
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| Meeting Dates: | 5/14 |

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Requirements of Oriental medicine doctoral programs
- Other groups besides physicians that can use “doctor” as part of their title

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

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 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. Currently, only the Oregon College of Oriental Medicine has a doctoral program in acupuncture and Oriental medicine.

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