

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 3 - 0 - 2
Yeas: Monnes Anderson, Verger, Morrisette
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Exc.: George G., Kruse
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Meeting Dates: 2/14, 3/7

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires that the examination for licensure as a naturopathic physician include sections on basic sciences and clinical sciences and other subjects required by the Board of Naturopathic Examiners ("Board") by rule. Prohibits the Board from requiring licensees to study major surgery. Requires that applications for licensure are filed with the Board no less than 20 days before the examination. Requires the Board to appoint an executive director and requires the executive director to issue renewal notices each year by November 1.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Restriction on surgery
- Concerns that changes in statute make testing less rigorous
- Language used by other boards to establish testing requirements in statute

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: To be a licensed to practice naturopathic medicine in Oregon, a person must meet minimum educational requirements and pass required examinations, as determined by the Board of Naturopathic Examiners (BNE). BNE is empowered to protect the public by licensing and regulating naturopathic physicians in Oregon. The board is authorized by law to examine, register, and license naturopathic physicians. The board enforces compliance with the naturopathic statute through administrative procedures, continuing education, discipline of licenses, and court actions.