

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass and Be Placed on the Consent Calendar
Vote:	8 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Bonamici, Bruun, Cannon, Flores, Gelser, Kotek, Richardson, Greenlick
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Maurer
Prepared By:	Sandy Thiele-Cirka, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	5/3 (Policy sub), 5/8 (Full)

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Increases number of physician assistants on Physician Assistant Committee from two to three. Eliminates pharmacist member of committee. Clarifies authority of Board of Medical Examiners (BME) to license physician assistants.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current BME membership
- Current membership of the Physician Assistant Committee (PAC)
- Prescriptive authority of physician assistants

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Physician Assistant Committee (PAC) is the only medical advisory committee where members of the representative profession comprise less than half of the committee membership. Currently, the PAC consists of five members: two physician assistants, one pharmacist, and two members of the Board of Medical Examiners, one of whom must supervise a physician assistant.

The Board of Medical Examiners licenses physician assistants; however, current law (Chapter 677 sections pertaining to physician assistants) does not expressly authorize the board to license them.