

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Without Recommendation as to Passage, Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Elections, Ethics and Rules
Vote:	7 - 0 - 2
Yeas:	Bruun, Cannon, Flores, Kotek, Maurer, Richardson, Greenlick
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Bonamici, Gelser
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Meeting Dates:	5/22, 5/29, 5/31

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires Board of Medical Examiners (BME) to appoint scope of practice review committee for regulated health profession when requested to review proposed changes to scope of practice of health care profession. Requires committee to report results of proposal review to board. Requires board to forward committee report to Legislative Assembly and Governor. Sunsets June 30, 2012.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Legislative role in scope of practice measures
- The need for thoughtful approach to the issue
- BME's current review of scope of practice for physicians, physician assistants, podiatrists, and acupuncturists
- Concerns with BME being the facilitator of the review
- Proposed amendment
- Preliminary fiscal impact amount if Health Policy Commission were the facilitator

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Changes the two members in opposition from being appointed by the BME to being appointed by an organization opposed to the change. Deletes the requirement that the committee consider evidence-based information provided by the Center for Evidence-Based Policy of the Oregon Health and Science University.

BACKGROUND: "Scope of practice" is a term used by licensing boards for various medically-related fields that define the procedures, actions, and processes that are permitted for the licensed individual. The scope of practice is limited to that which the individual has received education and clinical experience, and in which he/she has demonstrated competency. Each state has specific regulation based on entry education and additional training and practice.

Professions with defined scope of practice regulations include nursing, physical therapy, psychiatry, emergency medical services as well as other medical professions. Each session, numerous scope of practice bills may come before the Legislative Assembly. Generally, these bills are requested by one health care practitioner group wanting to expand its scope of practice into an area that is often restricted under another practitioner group's scope of practice. Scope of practice hearings often involve a lot of technical debate between both groups as to why or why not to modify the scope of practice.