74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session MEASURE: SB 879 A

CARRIER: Sen. Monnes Anderson

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: George G., Kruse, Monnes Anderson, Verger, Morrisette

Nays: 0 Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 3/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Eliminates responsibility of the Pain Management Commission (Commission) to develop a pain management practice program for providers. Requires the Commission to review pain management curricula in post-secondary or training educational institutions and make recommendations to the Legislative Assembly about legislation needed to ensure adequate education. Requires dentists, occupational therapists and physical therapists to complete pain management education programs within 24 months of effective date of Act or within 24 months of renewing license and allows these professionals to serve on the Commission.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

Importance of educating all practitioners about pain management

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Adds dentists, occupational therapists, and physical therapists to list of professionals to be considered for the Pain Management Commission. Requires dentists, occupational therapists, and physical therapists to complete pain management education program within 24 months of effective date of Act or within 24 months of renewing license.

BACKGROUND: Oregon's Pain Management Program was created by the legislature in 1999 to provide connections to information, support groups and other resources to help people manage chronic pain and to raise awareness about chronic pain issues among health care providers, policy makers and the general public. In 2001 (SB 885), the legislature formed the Pain Management Commission to improve pain management in the state and require physicians, nurses, psychologists, chiropractors, naturopaths, acupuncturists and pharmacists to complete pain management education programs developed by the Pain Management Commission.