

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass and Be Placed on the Consent Calendar
<b>Vote:</b>	6 - 0 - 3
<b>Yeas:</b>	Bonamici, Bruun, Cannon, Flores, Gelser, Kotek
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	Maurer, Richardson, Greenlick
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	5/10

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Declares the practice of pharmacy to be a health care professional practice.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Effects of pharmacists being classified as health care professionals
- Past unintended consequences of pharmacists not having this classification
- Impact to pharmacists in rural Oregon
- Services provided by pharmacists

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** The State Board of Pharmacy authorizes certain pharmacists to administer vaccines, certain drugs and medical devices (ORS 689.635-645). Additionally, pharmacists advise patients about therapeutic values and risks of medications, monitor the therapeutic response and any adverse effect to drug therapies, and work in collaboration with other practitioners to develop successful disease management plans for patients. Currently, Medicare Part D requires pharmacists to provide medication management and counseling to plan enrollees. Oregon statute does not currently recognize pharmacists as health care professionals, which is a barrier to pharmacists receiving insurance reimbursement.

SB 889 classifies pharmacists as health care professionals.