

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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Meeting Dates:	3/26

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Varied services provided by pharmacists
- Ramifications of being considered a health care professional
- Instances when pharmacists have and have not been able to collect third party reimbursement for services
- Need for pharmacists in rural Oregon
- Statute and Board of Pharmacy rule determines scope of practice for pharmacists and bill does not expand scope
- Cost implications to the health care system if insurers are required to pay for pharmacist services

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). In addition, pharmacists advise patients about therapeutic values and risks of medications, monitor the therapeutic response and adverse effect to drug therapies, and work in collaboration with other practitioners to develop successful disease management plans for patients. Pharmacists in Oregon also play a role in helping patients manage their pain and are required to take pain management education training (ORS 409.560). 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.