

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
Vote:	10 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Bruun, Cannon, Dembrow, Garrett, Harker, Kennemer, Kotek, Maurer, Thompson, Greenlick
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/6, 4/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires health professionals to report professionals who may be impaired. Confers civil immunity for making report in good faith. Requires health professional public members to review investigatory material and report about complaint against licensee. Allows health professional regulatory board to obtain fingerprints for purpose of conducting criminal background checks on licensees seeking license renewal, new applicants, board employees or applicants for employment. Requires board to maintain confidentiality of licensee personal electronic mail addresses. Specifies that health professional regulatory board has continuing jurisdiction over person notwithstanding change in licensing status of person. Standardizes certain provisions for membership and appointment of health professional regulatory boards, appointment of executive directors, and reporting and auditing of certain board activities. Changes definitions, examination, education, licensing and record keeping provisions related to practice of pharmacy.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Impairment limited to substance abuse
- Confidentiality
- Discipline versus treatment
- Optimal make-up of board members

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Provides definitions. Changes the make-up, qualifications, and removal criteria of members of several state boards and commissions. Speaks to compensation of board members. Makes release of licensee's e-mail address, home address, and personal telephone number subject to discretion of regulatory board, but is required to release the information if requested for public health or state health planning purpose.

BACKGROUND: Currently, there is no standardization of Oregon's health profession regulatory boards' membership, appointing authority, qualifications, confirmation process, and removal process, term of office, compensation, or size of the boards. House Bill 2118A requires that all health professional regulatory boards "shall operate with the primary purpose of promoting quality and protecting the public health, safety and welfare by ensuring that licensees practice with professional skill and safety," and health professionals must report other professionals who may be impaired in the practice of their professions. House Bill 2118A imposes additional standardizations in the make-up of the boards' memberships.