

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
Vote: 5 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Bates, Kruse, Morrisette, Morse, Monnes Anderson
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 5/28

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Eliminates requirement by certain regulatory boards to remove claims of negligence filed against medical professionals from their websites if no other claims are filed within four years.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Letters of complaints and/or threats of legal action against medical professionals
- Information about medical professionals available to general public
- Oversight of physician-owned private practice

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Oregon licensing boards are required under ORS.742.400 to publicly post the report of a claim (complaint against a practitioner filed with a court of appropriate jurisdiction) on the board's website if the claim resulted in a judicial finding or admission of liability or a money judgment, award of settlement that involves a payment to the claimant. The board is to remove from its website any record based on a reported claim against a practitioner if the board does not receive another report of a claim within four years after the claim was filed.

House Bill 3175-A eliminates the "four year" requirement to maximize information available to consumers when they are selecting medical providers.