75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2009 Regular Session MEASURE: STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY CARRIER:

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY House Committee on Health Care

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 8 - 2 - 0

Yeas: Bruun, Dembrow, Garrett, Harker, Kennemer, Kotek, Maurer, Greenlick

HB 3232 A

Rep. Kennemer

Nays: Cannon, Thompson

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 4/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Modifies provisions relating to administration and regulation of boards, councils, and programs for which Oregon Health Licensing Agency is responsible. Increases term of office of certain board and council members from three to four years. Eliminates need for audiologist to hold separate license to dispense hearing aids. Increases number of members of State Board of Direct Entry Midwifery (BDEM) from seven to eight by adding public member. Creates crime of tattooing persons under 18 years of age. Creates crime of genital or nipple piercing of person under 18 years of age. Specifies that both crimes carry punishments of maximum one-year imprisonment, \$6,250 fine, or both.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Tattooing of minors with parents consent
- Safety issue if minors get tattoos from unlicensed persons
- Make-up of BDEM
- Dual license requirement for audiologists

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Eliminates need for audiologists to hold separate license to dispense hearing aids. Increases number of members of BDEM from seven to eight by adding a public member.

BACKGROUND: Oregon administrative law currently prohibits tattooing minors; House Bill 3232A adds enforcement provisions. In Oregon, audiologists must be licensed by Oregon Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (BSPA). They must also hold a separate license to dispense hearing aids. Under House Bill 3232A, dispensing hearing aids would fall under the authority of the BSPA. The BDEM presently has a seven-member board; four members must be licensed direct entry midwives. The board currently has no public members. House Bill 3232A adds a public member, reducing the ratio of direct entry midwives from a majority of board.