

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	7 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Berger, Edwards C., Garrard, Gelser, Nolan, Read, Roblan
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Jenson
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Meeting Dates:	5/29

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.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Amendment language
- Responsibilities of other state agencies and boards

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Deletes provisions prohibiting tattooing or providing genital or nipple piercing to persons under 18 years of age. Deletes language providing that the Governor may remove members of various boards for neglect of duty, incompetence or unethical conduct. Modifies provisions relating to licensing and dispensing hearing aids.

BACKGROUND: 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 3232-B, 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 3232-B adds a public member. With an eight-member board, direct entry midwives would no longer constitute an out-right majority.