

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
Vote:	10 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Bruun, Cannon, Harker, Hoyle, Kennemer, Kotek, Maurer, Nathanson, Thompson, Greenlick
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/3, 2/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows supervising physician organization to collectively supervise physician assistant. Defines “supervising physician organization.” Modifies supervising physician requirements to include physician organizations. Modifies application process. Specifies supervising physician organization supervisory requirements. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current barriers facing physician assistants
- Maintaining quality care and patient safety
- Current role of supervising physicians
- Non-traditional health care systems (after hours and week-ends)
- Proposed amendments
- Fiscal impact

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Modifies supervising physician requirements to include physician organizations. Modifies application process. Specifies supervising physician organization supervisory requirements.

BACKGROUND: Currently, Oregon law governing physician assistants establishes a ratio between physicians and physician assistants. With many forms of access to health care being implemented, and with health care professionals working longer hours, the current physician to physician assistant structure is reportedly problematic.

Proponents of HB 3642 A state the bill maintains all current mechanisms for ensuring quality and safety, and that the measure creates a second supervisory pathway to accommodate additional health care delivery settings and hours.