

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass

Vote: 9 - 0 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Boone, Dembrow, Doherty, Freeman, Huffman, Maurer, Olson, VanOrman, Tomei

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

Absent: Frederick

Prepared By: Rick Berkobien, Administrator

Meeting Dates: 2/5

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Modifies date by which licensed professional counselors and marriage and family therapists must attest to having certain training and experience. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Description of measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists was created to assist the public by setting education, experience and examination standards for licensed professional counselors and licensed marriage and family therapists, and investigating complaints against licensees and unlicensed counselors and therapists claiming to be licensed. Proponents assert that HB 3668:

- Distinguishes licensed mental health providers from unlicensed providers;
- Prevents unlicensed counselors and therapists from using misleading language;
- Requires that unlicensed counselors and therapists disclose their status; and
- Provides for penalties for failure to comply.