

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass

Vote: 8 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Cannon, Doherty, Hoyle, Kennemer, Parrish, Weidner, Greenlick, Thompson

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 2/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows Oregon Board of Massage Therapists to approve class taken at accredited college or university as certified class for the purpose of educational requirements for licensure. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Schools, colleges and universities being excluded
- The need for Board flexibility to provide multiple options for educational classes

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Board of Massage Therapists (OBMT) regulates the practice of massage. OBMT is responsible for licensure of massage therapists, establishing educational requirements, administration of tests to establish minimum competency to practice and enforcing professional behavior and standards.

To become a massage therapist in Oregon the applicant must meet the educational requirements, pass the current Oregon Practical Exam, and pass OBMT approved written exam. The educational requirements are a minimum of 500 hours. If the applicant/licensee is lacking any hours or subject matter, the additional education is required before being approved for the Oregon Practical Exam.

House Bill 2155 provides OBMT the flexibility to consider and approve schools that offer specific educational classes that will assist applicants/licensees in obtaining the necessary educational requirements for licensure.