

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	7 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Cannon, Doherty, Hoyle, Parrish, Weidner, Greenlick, Thompson
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Kennemer
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Meeting Dates:	4/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine (OBNM) to adopt rules relating to applicants retaking failed licensure examinations. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Purpose of the measure
- Current examination process

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine (OBNM) was created in 1927, and is directed to protect the public by licensing and regulating naturopathic physicians in Oregon. OBNM is authorized to examine, register and license naturopathic physicians. Additionally, OBNM enforces compliance with the naturopathic physician statute through administrative procedures, continuing education, discipline of licensees, and court actions.

In order to be licensed in Oregon, naturopathic physicians need to pass both a Jurisprudence and Formulary examination administered by the state and a national examination administered the North American Board of Naturopathic Examiners. Senate Bill 139-A allows OBNM to adopt rules establishing parameters for applicants to retake failed examinations. Other health care regulatory boards, including the Oregon Medical Board and the Oregon Board of Dentistry have similar statutory provisions.