

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
<b>Vote:</b>	5 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Bates, Kruse, Morse, Shields, Monnes Anderson
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	2/9, 3/2, 3/28

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

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Statutory provisions of other health care regulatory boards

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Clarifies language relating to applicants retaking an exam to make it consistent with the statutory language of other health care regulatory boards.

**BACKGROUND:** The Board, established by the 1927 Legislative Assembly, is empowered to protect the public by licensing and regulating naturopathic physicians in Oregon. The Board is authorized by law to examine, register and license naturopathic physicians. The Board 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. SB 139-A would allow the Board to adopt rules setting the 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.