

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Bates, Kruse, Morse, Shields, Monnes Anderson
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	3/21, 4/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to study methods used in other states to address issues relating to the scope of practice of health care professionals. Requires OHA to submit a report to the Legislative Assembly on or before October 1, 2012. Sunsets study on January 2, 2014. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current informal scope of practice process
- Difficulty for Legislative Assembly to consider scope of practice issues
- Scope of practice versus market division

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces measure.

BACKGROUND: Health care professional licensing boards define the scope of practice for health care practitioners in the state of Oregon. Since this is commonly defined in statute, the Legislative Assembly often has to consider difficult and complicated issues related to scope of practice.

Senate Bill 225-A requires OHA to study methods used in other states to address scope of practice issues, including but not limited to: (a) disputes that occur when a health profession wants to expand its scope of practice; (b) disputes that occur when a health profession wants to prevent another profession's proposed scope of practice expansion; and, (c) allowing unlicensed, trained individuals to offer health services as part of a pilot program. The bill requires OHA to deliver a report on its finding to the Legislative Assembly on or before October 1, 2012.