

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

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| Action: | Do Pass |
| Vote: | 7 - 0 - 1 |
| Yeas: | Conger, Doherty, Hoyle, Keny-Guyer, Parrish, Greenlick, Thompson |
| Nays: | 0 |
| Exc.: | Kennemer |
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| Meeting Dates: | 2/15, 2/17 |

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Permits supervising physician or supervising physician organization to apply to Oregon Medical Board for dispensing authority for physician assistant. Requires supervising physician or supervising physician organization to register facility from which physician assistant will dispense as drug outlet with Oregon State Board of Pharmacy. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Consensus developed by stakeholder group
- Innovative approach to health care delivery
- Importance of improving access and health care delivery
- Potential to reduce health care expenses for patients
- Acknowledgement and support of stakeholders working to find agreement

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants currently have prescribing authority, however only physicians have dispensing authority. Currently, Oregon physicians may dispense medications and physician assistants can dispense limited emergency medications.

Proponents assert that physician dispensing is distinct from pharmacist dispensing in that Oregon specifies that physician dispensing means the dispensing of a prepackaged medicine prepared by a licensed entity.

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