

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

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Meeting Dates: 2/3, 2/6

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 (OSBP). Removes limitation providing that Oregon State Board of Nursing may grant dispensing authority only to nurse practitioner in area that lacks readily available access to pharmacy services. Removes nurse practitioners and OSBP authority. Removes new classification “practitioner dispensing drug outlet”. Adds language requiring compliance with OSBP rules. Clarifies that physician assistants retain existing privilege to dispense controlled substances in certain situations. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Consensus work group
- Provisions of the amendments
- Proposed amendments
- Legislative intent relating to development and implementation of training program and physicians assistants
- Current practices of ZoomCare

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Removes nurse practitioners and Oregon State Board of Pharmacy (OSBP) authority. Removes new classification “practitioner dispensing drug outlet”. Adds language requiring compliance with OSBP rules. Clarifies that physician assistants retain existing privilege to dispense controlled substances in certain situations.

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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