

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Rescind the Subsequent Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means and Be Referred to the Committee on Revenue
Vote:	9 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Clem, Conger, Harker, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Thompson, Weidner, Greenlick
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Consolidates provision relating to Oregon Health Licensing Agency’s (OHLA’s) authority over certificates, permits, licenses registrations and fees. Makes modifications to provisions relating to OHLA’s boards and councils administered by OHLA. Allows licensed audiologist to provide direct supervision to trainees seeking licensure as hearing aid specialist. Becomes operative January 1, 2014. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- OHLA oversees 11 boards and 21 different professions
- OHLA asserts that the bill streamlines licensing for each of those boards and professions
- Review of process in developing proposed amendment
- Audiologists are not under the regulatory authority of OHLA

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Allows licensed audiologist to provide direct supervision to trainees seeking licensure as hearing aid specialist.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Health Licensing Agency (OHLA) was created in 1999 to provide coordinated administrative and regulatory functions for certain health boards, councils and programs involved in protecting the public through licensing and regulation of health-related professions and occupations. OHLA currently regulates 21 different health and related professions.

Currently, only a licensed hearing aid specialist may provide supervision and training to those seeking license as a hearing aid specialist.