

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued**

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**Action:** Do Pass as Amended, Be Printed Engrossed, and Be Placed on the Consent Calendar

**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:** 2/20, 2/22

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Changes definition of “physician” to include podiatrist for purpose of subjecting podiatrists to statutes regulating physicians and to include podiatrist in patient and physician privilege. Changes definition of “retired physician” to include retired podiatrist for purpose of volunteer service immunity. Requires medical services contract to protect advocacy of podiatrist. Clarifies the use of “physician” to describe podiatrist.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Exclusion of podiatrists in the definition of “physician”
- Issues relating to podiatrist/patient relationships

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Clarifies the use of “physician” to describe podiatrist.

**BACKGROUND:** Podiatry is a branch of medicine devoted to the foot, ankle and lower extremity. A Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (podiatrist) is a medical specialist who receives training in anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology, sociological and psychological perspectives, general medicine, surgery and pharmacology; similar to the training of a Medical Doctor. As currently defined in the ORS, “physician” does not include individuals licensed to practice as podiatrists.