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Meeting Dates:	2/11, 3/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Eliminates from impaired health professional program requirement that employers of program participants establish minimum training requirements for supervisors of program participants. Retains ability of licensing board to require supervisory training if board desires. Removes admittance to hospital for mental illness and court ruling of mental incompetence from list of information that program must report as evidence of substantial noncompliance with diversion agreement entered into under program.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current statutory limitations
- Need for additional clarification of duties for employers
- Concerns relating to “substantial noncompliance”
- Need to encourage providers to seek treatment
- Proposed amendment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Retains ability of licensing board to require supervisory training if board desires.

BACKGROUND: The Health Professionals Services Program (HPSP) was established in 2009 to allow monitoring of health professionals who are referred to alcohol, substance abuse or mental health treatment. Current statute requires a report of non-compliance with the program to the participating boards when a licensee is admitted to the hospital for a mental illness. Additionally, the statute requires Addictions and Mental Health (AMH), Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to assess the ability of an enrolled licensee’s employer and require them to establish minimum training requirements for supervisors of enrolled licensees. AMH asserts that is problematic for OHA.

Senate Bill 101-A clarifies the duties of employers and deletes unenforceable requirements.