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FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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Nays:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/22

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Modifies exemptions to prohibition against practice of psychology or representation as psychologist without license. Limits graduate student exemption to students seeking academic credit as part of organized and supervised training program.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Concerns relating to students being adequately prepared
- Exemption application to graduate training

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Board of Psychologist Examiners (OBPE) was created for the purpose of examining and licensing all individuals who engage in the practice of psychology in Oregon. OBPE is also charged with safeguarding "the people of the State of Oregon from the dangers of unqualified and improper practice of psychology." Practicing psychology means rendering or offering to render supervision, consultation, evaluation or therapy services to individuals, groups or organizations for the purpose of diagnosing or treating behavioral, emotional or mental disorders. It is unlawful to practice psychology or represent oneself as a psychologist without being licensed by the OBPE.

House Bill 2081-A eliminates loophole that allows unregulated practice while making an exemption to allow psychology graduate students to provide services to the public within the oversight of approved academic programs.