

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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Meeting Dates: 4/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Exempts sports trainers accompanying sports team from licensing requirement for no more than 60 days. Clarifies athletic trainer licensure exemption for elementary and secondary teachers, coaches and volunteers. Allows Oregon Health Licensing Agency to issue registration to applicant meeting specified criteria.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Athletes having access to team sports trainers
- 60 day exemption limit
- Reciprocity from other states

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

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

Athletic trainers are health care professionals that collaborate with physicians to optimize activity and participation of patients. Certified athletic trainers receive a degree from an accredited athletic training curriculum, which includes instruction in injury and illness prevention, first aid and emergency care, assessment of injury, therapeutic modalities and nutrition.

House Bill 2102 allows athletes that come to Oregon to receive treatment from sports trainers traveling with the team and clarifies the existing exemption for elementary and secondary school teachers.