

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass with Amendments to the A-Engrossed Measure. (Printed B-Engrossed)

Vote: 3 - 0 - 2

Yeas: Knopp, Steiner Hayward, Monnes Anderson

Nays: 0

Exc.: Kruse, Shields

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Meeting Dates: 4/25, 4/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Changes definition of physician to include podiatrist, if context in which term physician is used does not authorize or require person to practice outside scope of podiatrist license, for purposes of subjecting podiatrists to statutes regulating physicians.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Exclusion of podiatrists in physician definition
- Amendment creates one section for definition of physician
- Clarification of conflict amendments

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Reformats definition of physician into one statement, rather than two subsections. Resolves conflicts between HB 2622A and HB 2684 with physician definition.

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.

House Bill 2622-B expands the definition of physician within regulating statutes to include podiatrists.