

REVENUE: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates:	5/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Modifies definitions and licensure requirements for professions regulated by Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Modifications to current definitions
- Importance of defining clinical experience
- Strengthening the Practice Act of 2009
- Post-graduation training parity for Licensed Professional Counselors and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists (OBLPCT) regulate the practice of mental health counselors and marriage and family therapists with the purpose of protecting the public. The OBLPCT issues new and renewal licenses to qualified persons, disciplines misconduct by licensees, and develops and maintains standards of education and training for entry into the regulated professions.

House Bill 2768 revises the definition of marriage and family therapists to better reflect the treatment methods applied in that profession. The measure also requires the same amount of full-time clinical experience for both professional counselor and marriage and family therapist license applicants.