

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued**

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| <b>Action:</b>        | Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed                             |
| <b>Vote:</b>          | 8 - 0 - 1   |
| <b>Yeas:</b>          | Clem, Conger, Harker, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Thompson, Greenlick |
| <b>Nays:</b>          | 0   |
| <b>Exc.:</b>          | Weidner   |
| <b>Prepared By:</b>   | Sandy Thiele-Cirka, Administrator                                       |
| <b>Meeting Dates:</b> | 2/17, 2/19  |

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Amends certain statutes referencing “physician” to include “physician assistant” and “nurse practitioner.” Deletes language referencing tanning facilities and certain statutes relating to health care insurance. Adds physician assistant language for purposes relating to assistive telecommunication for persons with disabilities. Deletes “physician” and replaces with “provider” in two locations. Becomes effective July 1, 2014.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Replace outdated language
- Bill does not expand scope or extend new privileges
- Updating statutes will prevent misunderstandings
- Technical bill
- Proposed amendment

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Deletes language referencing tanning facilities and certain statutes relating to health care insurance. Adds physician assistant language for purposes relating to assistive telecommunication for persons with disabilities. Deletes “physician” and replaces with “provider” in two locations.

**BACKGROUND:** Oregon law allows physician assistants (PAs) to perform a medical service if their supervising physician approves it, unless PAs are specifically excluded. In several other places in state law the language is vague about which providers may perform certain medical functions, often referring only to “physicians” or “physicians and nurse practitioners.” Without explicit mention or direct cross-reference to ORS 677.515, these individual statutes give the impression that PAs are not allowed to perform normal functions related to their profession.

The Oregon Society of Physician Assistants and Oregon Nurses Association seek to clarify Oregon statutes regarding the types and settings of medical care where PAs and Nurse Practitioners are authorized to provide medical services.