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### **Subject:**

SB 298-3 Certified Class Hour Increase

SB 298-3 Exempts student clinics at community colleges and accredited colleges/universities from definition of “massage facility.” Private Career schools were previously exempted.

### **References:**

Oregon Revised Statute 687

### **Discussion:**

The Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB) convened a national task force to review the minimum number of certified class hours to license massage therapists. This task force developed The Core – Entry-Level Analysis Project Report (ELAP) and recommended a national standard of 625 certified class hours in an attempt to allow the portability and reciprocity of a massage license.

Currently, the statutory requirement for licensure in Oregon is 500 certified class hours and would require an increase of 125 hours. The Oregon Board of Massage Therapists finds that the FSMTB recommendation for the minimum certified class hours of 625 would offer licensees the possibility of portability and reciprocity. SB 298-3 amends ORS 687 and increases the education requirement from 500 to 625 hours and would become effective on 1/1/2016.

SB 298-3 would statutorily exempt the student clinics at colleges and universities from obtaining a facilities permit. This was an oversight from last session when the Massage Facility Permit bill was passed the Oregon Board of Massage Therapists only exempted private career schools.