
MEMORANDUM

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To: Human Services Subcommittee of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means

From: Linda Ames, Legislative Fiscal Office
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Date: June 3, 2015

Subject: HB 2796-A Relating to music therapy
Work Session Recommendation

HB 2796-A authorizes the Health Licensing Office, within the Oregon Health Authority, to issue licenses to practice music therapy, and specifies licensing criteria. The bill also authorizes the Health Licensing Office to adopt rules for licensing, qualifications, fees, and to establish standards.

The measure previously had hearings in the House Committee on Health Care on 2/4/15 and 4/6/15. The measure, the original staff measure summary, and fiscal impact statement are available on the Oregon Legislative Information System (OLIS).

The fiscal impact of the bill is expected to be minimal. However, the agency may need to request additional expenditure limitation or staffing later in the biennium, if the cumulative effect of all bills passed during this legislative session is more than they can absorb.

The measure is recommended to be moved to the Full Committee on Joint Ways and Means.

Motion: I move HB 2796-A to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means with a "do pass" recommendation.

Assignment of Carrier

Full: _____

Senate: _____

House: _____

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2796 - A

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2015 Regular Session
Legislative Fiscal Office**Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed
Versions are Considered Official**Prepared by: Kim To
Reviewed by: Linda Ames
Date: 4/7/2015**Measure Description:**

Authorizes the Health Licensing Office to issue licenses to practice music therapy.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

¹Summary of Expenditure Impact Health Licensing Office, Oregon Health Authority (OHA):

	2015-17 Biennium	2017-19 Biennium
Personal Services	\$6,865	\$9,153
Services and Supplies	3,208	4,277
Total Other Funds	\$10,073	\$13,430
Positions	1	1
FTE	0.04	0.06

²Summary of Revenue Impact Health Licensing Office, Oregon Health Authority (OHA):

	2015-17 Biennium	2017-19 Biennium
Fees	\$20,844	\$10,480
Total Other Funds	\$20,844	\$10,480

Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Analysis:

House Bill 2796 authorizes the Health Licensing Office (HLO) to issue licenses to practice music therapy. The bill prohibits persons from practicing music therapy or using the title of music therapist without a license from HLO.

¹ The Health Licensing Office estimates the fiscal impact of this bill to be \$10,073 Other Funds; 1 position; and 0.04 FTE for the 2015-17 biennium. This amount includes pooled costs for staffing the new licensure program. Because HLO is at operational capacity, to implement this new licensure and to handle the regulation of a new category of licensees, HLO will need additional staffing to carry out the provisions of this bill.² The bill allows the HLO to charge fees to recover costs. Assuming an estimated 85 individuals will seek licensure, HLO anticipates establishing the following fees:

- (1) Application – New License = \$150;
- (2) License – New = \$50 (valid for one year);
- (3) License Renewal = \$50 (valid for one year).

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date:

Action:

Meeting Dates:

Prepared By: Linda Ames, Budget Analyst

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes the Health Licensing Office (HLO) to issue licenses to practice music therapy. Specifies licensing criteria for applicants. Authorizes HLO to adopt rules for licensing, qualifications and to establish standards. Prohibits persons from practicing music therapy or using the title of music therapist without a license. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The American Music Therapy Association defines “music therapy” as the clinical and evidence-based use of music interventions to accomplish individualized goals within a therapeutic relationship by a credentialed professional who has completed an approved music therapy program.

Music Therapy is an established health profession in which music is used within a therapeutic relationship to address physical, emotional, cognitive and social needs of individuals. After assessing the strengths and needs of each client, the qualified music therapist provides the indicated treatment, including creating, singing, moving to, and/or listening to music. Through musical involvement in the therapeutic context, clients' abilities are strengthened and transferred to other areas of their lives. Music therapy also provides avenues for communication that can be helpful to those who find it difficult to express themselves in words. Research in the field of music therapy supports its effectiveness in many areas, including: overall physical rehabilitation and facilitating movement; increasing people's motivation to become engaged in their treatment; providing emotional support for clients and their families; and providing an outlet for expression of feelings.