

SB 696

Relating to autism spectrum disorders

SB 696 modifies statutes relating to the Behavior Analysis Regulatory Board within the Health Licensing Office of the Oregon Health Authority. The bill defines applied behavior analysis, includes criteria for licensing, and increases the membership of the Board from seven members to nine. The bill also grandfathers in those individuals that were already practicing behavior analysis in 2013, and does not require a license of those individuals until July 1, 2018.

The proposed amendment modifies the composition of the Board and changes the timing of certain reporting requirements. The fiscal impact of the bill is expected to be minimal. The total number of licensees expected in the next two years is still uncertain.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends SB 696 be amended by the -A7 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.