

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
Senate Committee On Health Care

MEASURE: SB 281
CARRIER: Sen. Kruse

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact
Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 02/02/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 02/02

Senate

Yeas: 5 - Knopp, Kruse, Steiner Hayward, Shields, Monnes Anderson

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine (Board) term requirements. Removes requirement that a term of office begins July 1. Removes requirement that unless a member is removed prior to the end of term, a member continues to serve on the board until a qualified successor is appointed. Requires that member may not serve for more than two consecutive full terms; before the expiration of the term member, the Governor shall appoint a successor whose term begins immediately upon the expiration of the term of the current member.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Composition and diversity of the Board
- Members ability to serve two full terms
- When a vacancy occurs, it can take several months to fill

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The State Board of Naturopathic Medicine (Board), established by the 1927 Legislature, is to protect the public by licensing and regulating naturopathic physicians in Oregon. The Board reports that it is difficult to find and maintain qualified Board members for the following reasons:

- When a replacement is found for empty Board positions, it is often after the term has expired; and
- When a position is filled, the new member must finish the term of the exiting member and is unable to serve two, full, three-year terms.