

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

MEASURE: SB 684
CARRIER: Sen. Devlin

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 03/18/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 03/18

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

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows Oregon Medical Board to issue limited license to practice medicine to physician licensed in another state or country who holds full-time professor appointment at school of medicine in Oregon.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Doctors will have experience and expertise, but have not taken the United States Medical Licensing exam
- Potential to recruit high-quality faculty members
- Gives Oregon Medical Board discretion to evaluate on merits

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

At the present time, the Oregon Medical Board does not have the ability to evaluate the capacity of credentialed medical practitioners to be faculty members when they have gone abroad for medical school. In Oregon, physicians are required to take the United States Medical Licensing exam, typically during and after graduating from medical school. There is no limited faculty license to allow those who have not taken the test, but have other qualifications, to be able to work as faculty.