

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

MEASURE: HB 2305 A
CARRIER: Rep. Lively

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 03/30/15

Action: Do Pass As Amended And Be Printed Engrossed.

Meeting Dates: 02/13, 03/30

Vote:

Yeas: 9 - Buehler, Clem, Greenlick, Hayden, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Nosse, Weidner

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows individuals who complete a polysomnographic program that combines education and training to apply for the polysomnographic technologist license. Clarifies that an individual that has met the required education and training, and who has obtained and maintained the nationally recognized credential, meets the prerequisites for licensure by the Respiratory Therapist and Polysomnographic Technologist Licensing Board.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current education and training requirements
- Current barriers for polysomnographic technologists relocating to Oregon
- Respiratory Therapist and Polysomnography Licensing Board decision
- Current licensing standards
- Proposed amendment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Clarifies that an individual that has met the required education and training, and who has obtained and maintained the nationally recognized credential, meets the prerequisites for licensure by the Board.

BACKGROUND:

According to the American Academy of Sleep Medicine, a Polysomnographic Technologist works under the general supervision of the clinical director or their designee to provide comprehensive evaluation and treatment of sleep disorders. This may include polysomnography, diagnostic and therapeutic services, or patient care and education.

The current requirements for becoming a licensed Polysomnographic Technologist include: a high school diploma; completion of an education or training program, or one that includes both education and training; and the passing of an examination approved by the Board.

House Bill 2305-A maintains the current educational requirements for polysomnographic technologists and allows an individual licensure who has met the current combined education and training requirements for the national Polysomnographic Technologist credential.