

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 04/27/15

**Action:** Do Pass With Amendments To The A-Eng Bill. (Printed B-Eng.)

**Meeting Dates:** 04/27

**Vote:**

Yeas: 4 - Kruse, Monnes Anderson, Shields, Steiner Hayward

Exc: 1 - Knopp

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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. Specifies education, training and examinations must have occurred as of March 1, 2013.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Hiring qualified polysomnographic technologists in Oregon
- Obstacles and unnecessary restrictions for those relocating from other states
- Streamlining licensure for experienced polysomnographic technologists who have work experience and approved training
- Nationally recognized credentialing programs
- Prevalence of sleep disorders

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

Adds that education, training and examinations must have occurred as of March 1, 2013.

**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 Respiratory Therapist and Polysomnographic Technologist Licensing Board. House Bill 2305-B maintains the current educational requirements for polysomnographic technologists and allows licensure for an individual who has met the current combined education and training requirements for the national polysomnographic technologist credential.