

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 05/11/15

Action: Do Pass And Be Placed On The Consent Calendar.

Meeting Dates: 05/06, 05/11

Vote:

Yeas: 8 - Buehler, Clem, Greenlick, Hayden, Kennemer, Lively, Nosse, Weidner

Exc: 1 - Keny-Guyer

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine (Board) term of office requirements. Specifies that a member may not serve more than two consecutive full terms. Directs the Governor to appoint successor before the expiration of the member. Deletes the requirement that a term begins July 1.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Difficulty in recruiting board members
- Composition and diversity of the Board
- Members ability to serve two full terms

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The State Board of Naturopathic Medicine (Board), established by the 1927 Legislative Assembly, 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.