

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

MEASURE: SB 430 A
CARRIER: Rep. Kennemer

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 05/29/15

Action: Do Pass As Amended And Be Printed Engrossed.

Meeting Dates: 04/29, 05/29

Vote:

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

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Makes explicit State Board's authority to deny licensure due to conviction for sex crime. Applies to the Board of Psychologist Examiners, Licensed Social Workers and Licensed Professional Counselors.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Background of legislative concept
- Current laws for denying, suspending or refusing to renew licenses
- Proposed amendment to include current licensees

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Authorizes the Board of Psychologist Examiners, Licensed Social Workers and Licensed Professional Counselors to deny, revoke or not renew license for individual convicted of a sex crime in Oregon or other state or jurisdiction.

BACKGROUND:

State licensing boards protect Oregonians through licensing and regulating a variety of practices, including psychology, social work and professional counseling. The Oregon Board of Psychologist Examiners examines and licenses all persons in Oregon who engage in the practice of psychology; the Board of Licensed Social Workers licenses and regulates approximately 4,300 social workers and the Board of Licensed Professional Counselors regulates mental health counselors and marriage and family therapists. With some variations, each board has the authority to deny licensure to applicants based on criminal conduct, including certain misdemeanors, as well as for conduct that is not criminal.

Senate Bill 430-A grants explicit authority to the identified Boards for the licensing of applicants convicted of sex crimes.