

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
HOUSE BILL 2876**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, after line 6, insert:

2 “(2) ‘Rural or medically underserved community’ means a geographic area  
3 of this state that is 10 or more miles from the geographic center of a popu-  
4 lation center of 40,000 or more individuals.”.

5 In line 7, delete “(2)” and insert “(3)”.

6 On page 2, line 8, delete “Completes 15” and insert “Every two years  
7 completes 16” and delete “each year”.

8 In line 14, delete “Completes 15” and insert “Every two years completes  
9 16” and delete “each year”.

10 In line 20, delete “area of the” and insert “community”.

11 In line 21, delete “state”.

12 In line 22, after “Act” delete the rest of the line and delete lines 23  
13 through 31 and insert “while the person is attending an educational program  
14 for surgical technologists accredited by a national accreditation organization  
15 approved by the Oregon Health Authority by rule.

16 “(2) A person described in subsection (1) of this section is exempt from  
17 the requirements of section 2 of this 2015 Act for three years from the date  
18 on which the person began practicing as a surgical technologist at the health  
19 care facility.”.

20 Delete lines 38 through 45 and insert:

21 **“SECTION 6. (1) During the period beginning on July 1, 2016, and  
22 ending on July 1, 2017, sections 1 and 2 of this 2015 Act do not apply**

1 to a rural or medically underserved community.

2 “(2) As used in this section, ‘rural or medically underserved com-  
3 munity’ means a geographic area of this state that is 10 or more miles  
4 from the geographic center of a population center of 40,000 or more  
5 individuals.

6 **“SECTION 7. (1) Sections 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 of this 2015 Act become  
7 operative on July 1, 2016.**

8 **“(2) Section 3 of this 2015 Act becomes operative on July 1, 2017.**

9 **“(3) The Oregon Health Authority may take any action before the  
10 operative dates specified in subsections (1) and (2) of this section that  
11 is necessary to enable the authority to exercise, on and after the op-  
12 erative dates specified in subsections (1) and (2) of this section, all of  
13 the duties, functions and powers conferred on the authority by  
14 sections 1 to 6 of this 2015 Act.**

15 **“SECTION 8. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate  
16 preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is  
17 declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect on its passage.”.**

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