

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 02/11/16

**Action:** Do Pass With Amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

**Meeting Dates:** 02/02, 02/09, 02/11

**Vote:**

Yeas: 4 - Knopp, Monnes Anderson, President Courtney, Steiner Hayward

Exc: 2 - Kruse, Shields

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Enacts an interstate Physical Therapy Licensure Compact. Creates an account from which levies, assessments, etc., would be paid to the interstate commission. The account money is from fees and would be capped at the discretion of the State Board of Physical Therapy. Authorizes the Board to establish an additional account to be used for the purpose of administering the compact. Permits the State Board of Physical Therapy to adopt rules of the interstate commission as Board rules. Removes the option to claim damages against the state. Adds conforming amendments. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- No cap on Oregon's liability under the Compact
- A special designated fund to pay for the fees and assessments of the Commission is needed
- Compacts that are in current statute
- Structure of the Compact

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

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**BACKGROUND:**

Interstate compact is a voluntary arrangement between two or more states that is designed to solve a common problem and that becomes part of each state's laws. It has legal status as both state statutes and contractual obligations among member states authorized and protected from impairment by the U.S. Constitution.

The Physical Therapy Licensure Compact is intended to increase public access to physical therapy services, to enhance the exchange of licensure, investigatory, and disciplinary information between member states, and to support spouses of relocating military members.