

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 02/22/16

Action: Do Pass The A-Eng Bill.

Meeting Dates: 02/22

Vote:

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

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Enacts interstate Physical Therapy Licensure Compact. Permits Physical Therapist Licensing Board to disclose specified information to Physical Therapy Compact Commission. Exempts individuals practicing physical therapy in this state under the Compact from restrictions on use of titles. Allows the Board to establish an account to meet the financial obligations imposed on the State of Oregon as a result of participation in the Compact. Continuously appropriates moneys from the account to the Board for specified purposes. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Expedited process for a qualified individual when coming from another Compact state
- Eliminates barriers
- Advantage for young mobile professionals
- Oregon first state to adopt this Compact

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Interstate compacts are 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.