

SB 50 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires additional licensed health care professionals and certified alcohol drug counselors to complete the pain management education program every four years. Adds pharmacy technician, optometrist, clinical social workers, professional counselor, marriage and family therapist, massage therapist, expanded practice dental hygienist, and speech-language pathologist to the list of licensed professionals required to complete the pain management training program. Authorizes applicable licensing boards to impose any form of discipline on an individual that fails to complete the required training. Take effect, January 1st, 2018.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Pain Management Commission (Commission) works with professional regulatory boards to develop approved pain management education programs for health care professionals in Oregon. The pain management program is updated biennially and consists of six accredit hours of continuing education in pain management, end of life care or a combination of both, and completion of a web-based training offered by the Commission.

Current law requires a range of licensed health care professionals to complete pain management program every four years. Senate Bill 50 would add a number of health care professionals already licensed in Oregon to the current mandate requiring health care providers to complete a pain management education program every four years.