

Dear Chairman Greenlick,

On behalf of Oregon Urological Society acting President Robert Skinner, MD, and American Association of Clinical Urologists State Society Network Chair Kevin Loughlin, MD, I appreciate the opportunity to comment on HB 2524, relating to increasing the number of physicians in Oregon.

According to the Association of American Medical Colleges, expected physician shortages in 2030 vary by specialty and include:

- A shortfall of between 7,300 and 43,100 primary care physicians
- A shortfall of between 19,800 and 29,000 surgical specialists, including urologists

Over the last several years, the projected shortage of primary care physicians has decreased as incentive programs attract new doctors and advanced practice registered nurses and other practitioners assume primary care responsibilities.

The shortage of surgical specialists, meanwhile, grows under every likely scenario, including increased use of non-physician providers; greater use of alternate settings (e.g., retail clinics); and rapid changes in payment and delivery (e.g., ACOs, bundled payments).

The OUS and AACU therefore propose the following amendments to HB 2524, as introduced and first read Jan. 9, 2017:

- Amend page 1, line 8 by inserting "and surgical specialists" after "care"
- Insert new Section 3 at line 18 to define (1) "primary care" as "general & family practice, general internal medicine, general pediatrics, and geriatric medicine; and (2) "surgical specialists" as "general surgery, colorectal surgery, neurological surgery, obstetrics & gynecology, ophthalmology, orthopedic surgery, otolaryngology, plastic surgery, thoracic surgery, urology, and vascular surgery."
- Renumber Section 3 as Section 4 and subsequent.
- Amend page 1, line 23 by replacing "family practice and psychiatry" with "family practice, psychiatry and specialty surgery"

Thank you for your consideration and service to the people of Oregon.

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Resources:

- Oregon Urological Society: [www.oregonurologicalsociety.org/](http://www.oregonurologicalsociety.org/)
- Amer. Assn. of Clinical Urologists: [www.aacuweb.org/](http://www.aacuweb.org/)
- Association of American Medical Colleges. 2016 Update The Complexities of Physician Supply and Demand: Projections from 2015 to 2030, February 28, 2017. Accessed April 5, 2017. [www.aamc-black.global.ssl.fastly.net/production/media/filer\\_public/a5/c3/a5c3d565-14ec-48fb-974b-99fafaecb00/aamc\\_projections\\_update\\_2017.pdf](http://www.aamc-black.global.ssl.fastly.net/production/media/filer_public/a5/c3/a5c3d565-14ec-48fb-974b-99fafaecb00/aamc_projections_update_2017.pdf)
- Hilton, Lisette. Work force shortage projections climb. Urology Times, May 01, 2016. [www.urologytimes.modernmedicine.com/urology-times/news/work-force-shortage-projections-climb](http://www.urologytimes.modernmedicine.com/urology-times/news/work-force-shortage-projections-climb)

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