

**HB 3014 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Health Care**

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**Meeting Dates:** 5/16, 5/18, 5/25

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires individuals applying for a license to practice respiratory therapy to hold a credential as a Registered Respiratory Therapist. Clarifies respiratory therapy licensing process. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

*FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact.*

*REVENUE: No revenue impact.*

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Certified and credentialed respiratory therapists

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Respiratory care practitioners provide treatment to patients with abnormalities associated with the cardiopulmonary system (i.e., breathing disorders) under the direction of a licensed physician. Respiratory care practitioners administer therapeutic or diagnostic drugs to patients as part of a physician-prescribed treatment plan, implement a physician's orders for respiratory treatments, observe and monitor patient symptoms and assist with administering medical gases (including hyperbaric or standard oxygen, vapor therapies and ventilation support).

House Bill 3104 A clarifies Oregon's licensing process to register as a respiratory therapist.