

**HB 2432 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Rep. Parrish

**House Committee On Health Care**

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**Action Date:** 03/01/17

**Action:** Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

**Vote:** 9-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 9 - Alonso Leon, Buehler, Greenlick, Hack, Hayden, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Malstrom, Nosse

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Directs the Health Licensing Office (HLO) to issue licenses to practice art therapy to qualified art therapists. Specifies license qualifications and requires licensed art therapist to comply with HLO adopted rules. Allows individuals licensed under Oregon law in a profession or occupation other than art therapy who uses art therapy in a manner incidental to the person's practice to perform art therapy without a license from HLO. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Art therapy educational and training requirements
- Importance of licensure
- Impact of art therapy
- Public safety and accountability
- Proposed amendment

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

Allows individuals licensed under Oregon laws in a profession or occupation other than art therapy who uses art therapy in a manner incidental to the person's practice to perform art therapy without a license from HLO.

**BACKGROUND:**

The American Art Therapy Association defines art therapy as a mental health profession in which clients, facilitated by the art therapist, use art media, the creative process, and the resulting artwork to explore their feelings, reconcile emotional conflicts, foster self-awareness, manage behavior and addictions, develop social skills, improve reality orientation, reduce anxiety, and increase self-esteem. Art therapy is practiced in a wide range of settings including hospitals, psychiatric and rehabilitation facilities, wellness centers, forensic institutions, schools, crisis centers, senior communities, private practice, and other clinical and community settings.

House Bill 2432-A requires the Health Licensing Office to establish a board and program for licensing and regulating the practice of art therapy.