

HB 2397 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Buehler

House Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 03/13/17

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: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Creates the seven-member Public Health and Pharmacy Formulary Advisory Committee. Specifies membership, duties and responsibilities of the Committee. Directs the State Board of Pharmacy to establish, by rule, the formulary drugs and devices that the pharmacists may prescribe and dispense to patients under specific conditions. Directs the Committee to recommend drugs and devices for inclusion onto the formulary. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Past initiatives to incorporate pharmacists into the health care team model
- Concerns associated with expanding the Board of Pharmacy's authority
- Current Board of Pharmacy process for rule approval
- Patient access to non-diagnostic therapies and post-diagnostic disease management
- Concerns about the proposed committee membership
- Proposed amendments

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Modifies the Public Health and Pharmacy Formulary Advisory Committee membership to seven members, consisting of two licensed physicians, two advanced practice registered nurses and three pharmacists.

BACKGROUND:

The role of pharmacists as health care providers has enhanced access to cost-effective and quality health care management for patients. The Oregon State Pharmacy Association states that requests for health care teams for approval of pharmacists prescribing non-diagnostic therapies, medications and tests or devices required to manage disease following a diagnosis will continue.

House Bill 2397-A allows the Board of Pharmacy to adopt rules allowing pharmacists to prescribe from a specific list of drugs, devices, and laboratory tests and directs the Board of Pharmacy to convene a seven-member Public Health and Pharmacy Formulary Advisory Committee.