

HB 2751 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Barreto

House Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 04/12/17

Action: Do Pass.

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:

Allows occupational therapists to participate in the Primary Care Loan Repayment Program. Extends the sunset of the primary care provider loan repayment program to January 2, 2020. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Many Oregon rural counties have few or no occupational therapy practitioners
- Importance of incentivizing occupational therapists
- Advantages of having an occupational therapist in the community

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Primary Care Loan Repayment Program (PCLRP) was established by the Oregon Legislative Assembly to provide loan repayment to primary care clinicians who serve patients in underserved areas of Oregon to ensure an adequate supply of providers. Eligible providers are: a dentist in general or pediatric practice; an expanded practice dental hygienist; a physician (MD or DO) who practices or intends to practice in the specialties of family medicine, general practice, general internal medicine, geriatrics, pediatrics, or obstetrics and gynecology; a nurse practitioner who practices or intends to practice in the specialties of adult health, women's health care, geriatrics, pediatrics, psychiatric mental health, family practice or nurse midwifery; a physician assistant who practices or intends to practice in the specialties of family medicine, general practice, general internal medicine, geriatrics, pediatrics or obstetrics and gynecology; a psychiatrist who practices or intends to practice general psychiatry, child/adolescent psychiatry, or geriatric psychiatry; a clinical psychologist; a licensed clinical social worker; or a marriage or family therapist.

House Bill 2751 adds occupational therapists to list of eligible providers to apply for the PCLRP.