

Corrected

Carrier: Sen. Kruse

SB 831 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 03/30/17

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

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Beyer, Knopp, Kruse, Monnes Anderson, Steiner Hayward

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows licensed osteopathic and podiatric physicians to supervise physician assistants.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Clarifies language referring to podiatric medicine for consistency.

BACKGROUND:

The Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of Oregon (OPSO) states that doctors of osteopathic medicine (DOs) apply the philosophy of treating the whole person to the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of illness, disease and injury. The Oregon Podiatric Medical Association (OPMA) states that doctors of podiatric medicine specialize in the medical and surgical treatment of foot- and ankle-related conditions. Current law does not allow osteopathic and podiatric physicians to supervise physician assistants.

Senate Bill 831-A expands definition of "supervising physician" to include persons licensed to practice osteopathy or podiatric medicine and allows them to supervise physician assistants in Oregon.