

SB 831 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Greenlick

House Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 05/10/17

Action: Do Pass the A-Eng bill.

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 licensed podiatric physicians to supervise physician assistants. Expands the definition of supervising physician to include podiatric physicians.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

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 the definition of "supervising physician" to include persons licensed to practice podiatric medicine and allows them to supervise physician assistants in Oregon.