

**HB 2304 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Kruse

**Senate Committee On Health Care**

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**Action Date:** 05/11/17  
**Action:** Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)  
**Vote:** 3-0-2-0  
**Yeas:** 3 - Knopp, Kruse, Monnes Anderson  
**Exc:** 2 - Beyer, Steiner Hayward  
**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued  
**Revenue:** No revenue impact  
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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Adds Certified Advocates and Peer Support Specialists, which includes Family Support and Youth Support Specialists, to the definition of Peer Wellness Specialists. Defines Family Support and Youth Support Specialists. Directs Oregon Health Authority to adopt qualification criteria.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Provisions of the measure

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

Adds certified advocate to definition of traditional health worker.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Traditional Health Workers Commission is overseen by the Oregon Health Authority's (OHA) Office of Equity and Inclusion. The Commission promotes the role, engagement and utilization of the traditional health workforce, which includes Community Health Workers, Peer Wellness Specialists, Personal Health Navigators, Peer Support Specialists and Doulas. The 19-member Commission advises and makes recommendations to OHA on the development, implementation and sustainability of the program.

House Bill 2304-A expands Oregon's traditional health workforce by recognizing peer, family and youth support specialists and certified advocates.