

HB 3014 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Monnes Anderson

Senate Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 05/25/17
Action: Do pass the A-Eng bill.
Vote: 3-0-2-0
Yeas: 3 - Beyer, Kruse, Monnes Anderson
Exc: 2 - Knopp, Steiner Hayward
Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires individuals applying for a license to practice respiratory therapy to hold a credential as a Registered Respiratory Therapist. Clarifies Oregon's respiratory therapy licensing process. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Certified and credentialed respiratory therapists

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Respiratory care practitioners provide treatment to patients with abnormalities associated with the cardiopulmonary system (i.e., breathing disorders). Under the direction of a licensed physician, respiratory care practitioners administer therapeutic or diagnostic drugs to patients as part of a physician-prescribed treatment plan, implement a physician's orders for respiratory treatments, observe and monitor patient symptoms and assist with administering medical gases (including hyperbaric or standard oxygen, vapor therapies and ventilation support).

House Bill 3014 A clarifies Oregon's licensing process to register as a respiratory therapist.