

SB 60 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Changes registration for volunteer healthcare professionals claiming liability limitation from annual to biennial requirement. Adds acupuncturists to licensees eligible to register for liability limitation exemption. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Alignment with Volunteers in Medicine registration timeline
- Purpose of amendment

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Corrects statutory references to include all physician types licensed by the OMB.

BACKGROUND:

Certain health care practitioners that provide services without compensation may be eligible to register with the Oregon Medical Board (OMB) for a program that limits the practitioner's liability for injury, death, or other loss. In addition to registration with the OMB, limitation of liability requires informed consent and a signed notification by the patient or the patient's authorized representative. The liability limitation program is currently available to:

- Physicians
- Nurses
- Nurse practitioners
- Clinical nurse specialists
- Physician assistants
- Dental hygienists
- Dentist
- Pharmacists
- Optometrists
- Naturopathic physicians

Senate Bill 60 changes registration for the liability limitation program from an annual to a biennial requirement and adds acupuncturists to the licensees eligible to register for the program.