

**SB 124 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Health Care**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Clarifies exemptions from applicability of statutes governing massage therapy.

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

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

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

ORS 687.011 defines "massage" as "the use of pressure, friction, stroking, tapping or kneading on the human body, or the use of vibration or stretching on the human body by manual or mechanical means or gymnastics, with or without appliances such as vibrators, infrared heat, sun lamps or external baths, and with or without lubricants such as salts, powders, liquids or creams, for the purpose of, but not limited to, maintaining good health and establishing and maintaining good physical condition." The Oregon State Board of Massage Therapists regulates and monitors the practice of message therapy in Oregon, including the licensing of individuals and enforcing professional behavior and standards.

Senate Bill 124 specifies that exemption from from statutes governing the enforcement of massage therapy regulations, including civil and criminal penalties, apply to individuals who do not expressly or implicitly perform an act included in the definition of massage in ORS 687.011.