

HB 2090 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

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Meeting Dates: 1/29, 2/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Abolishes Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine peer review committee.

REVENUE: Revenue impact statement issued.

FISCAL: Fiscal impact statement issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Thirty year history and evolution of the peer-review committee; changes in statutory authority and enforcement mechanism
- Robust compliant, investigation, and disciplinary process
- All licensees now subject to the Board's disciplinary authority

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine (Board) is responsible for the practices of naturopathic medicine in the state. The Board has oversight of a five-member peer review committee (committee). The committee has a process for the investigative review of naturopathic physicians that are under investigation. Members are representatives of affiliated and nonaffiliated naturopathic physicians, represent various aspects of the practice of naturopathic medicine, and are voted in by the Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine. Members serve two-year terms and no member may serve more than two consecutive terms. The committee is responsible for evaluating complaints against naturopathic physicians referred to the Board, and makes recommendations to the Board regarding complaints received.

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