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Rep. Cedric Hayden VIA EMAIL: <u>Rep.CedricHayden@oregonlegislature.gov</u>

## Re: Oregon Medical Board Budget Presentation Supplemental Information

Dear Rep. Hayden,

Thank you for your interest in the Oregon Medical Board's licensees, specifically those who volunteer their medical services. The following information is in follow-up to our budget presentation yesterday morning. It includes information on our "Emeritus License" as well as the separate "Liability Limitation Program," which is available to all licensed physicians and PAs regardless of their license status.

## **EMERITUS LICENSURE**

This license status is available to Medical Board practitioners who receive no compensation for their medical services. This license includes prescriptive authority, and it is renewed annually.

License Type	Count
Medical Doctor (MD)	638
Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO)	21
Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM)	6
Physician Assistant (PA)	5
Acupuncturist (LAc)	28
Total	698

## **REGISTRATION PROGRAM FOR LIABILITY LIMITATION FOR DONATED SERVICES**

Under ORS 676.340 and 676.345, Oregon licensed physicians, physician assistants, and other health care providers may register for this program, which limits liability when they provide medical services without compensation and the patient consents. Except in cases of gross negligence, the program limits the liability of the practitioner under the following conditions:

- 1. The licensee has registered with his/her licensing board pursuant to ORS 676.340 and 676.345.
- 2. Prior to receiving services, the patient (or legal representative) signs a notification explaining that the health care services are provided without compensation and that the practitioner is liable only to the extent provided by the law.
- 3. Prior to receiving services, the practitioner obtains the patient's (or legal representative's) informed consent.
- 4. The practitioner provides health care services without compensation, except for reimbursement for laboratory fees, testing services, and other out-of-pocket expenses.

Licensees must register for this program separately from licensure or renewal. Eligibility is not dependent upon license type or status. There is no charge for registration in this program, which must be renewed annually.

## SB 60A (2019 REGULAR SESSION)

The Oregon Medical Board proposes changing the ORS 676.340 and 676.345 registration requirement for professionals claiming liability limitations from an annual to a *biennial registration* and adds acupuncturists and podiatric physicians among the licensees who may register for the program.

Please let us know if you have additional questions about this license status or the registration program.

Sincerely,

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