

SB 742 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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Meeting Dates: 2/27, 3/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Health Licensing Office (HLO) to issue license to engage in practice of athletic training. Defines "practice of athletic training." Establishes standards for licensure. Becomes operative January 1, 2020. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

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

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Training and examination of athletic trainers
- Prevalence of licensing in other states vs. registration

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Clarifies that HLO has discretion in issuing license to engage in the practice of athletic training. Corrects acronym usage.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Health Licensing Office (HLO) oversees licensing and regulation of multiple health and related professions represented by 16 volunteer citizen boards, councils, and programs. Combined, HLO ensures qualification standards and ongoing professional requirements for more than 73,500 active practice, facility and independent contractor authorizations. As one of the boards overseen by HLO, the Board of Athletic Trainers oversees the practice of athletic trainers in Oregon. Athletic trainers prevent, recognize and evaluate athletic injuries and provide immediate care, rehabilitation and reconditioning services to athletes. Athletic trainers work in cooperation with physicians and other allied health personnel and function as an integral member of the athletic health care team at secondary schools, colleges and universities, sports medicine clinics, professional sports programs and other athletic health care settings. Currently, HLO provides registration of athletic trainer applications who meet specified qualifications.

Senate Bill 742 changes the qualification for practice athletic training from a registration to a license issued by the Health Licensing Office.