

SB 60 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

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Meeting Dates: 4/30, 5/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Changes registration for volunteer health care professionals claiming liability limitation from annual to a biennial requirement. Adds acupuncturists and podiatric physicians to licensees eligible to register for liability limitation exemption. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

REVENUE: No revenue impact.

FISCAL: No fiscal impact.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Changing annual registration to biennial to regulatory streamline the program; reduce administrative burden
- Inclusion of all health care professionals licensed by the Oregon Medical Board

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Health care professionals 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
- Dentists
- Pharmacists
- Optometrists
- Naturopathic physicians

The Oregon Medical Board reports that in 2018, 266 physicians and physician assistants registered for the program. Senate Bill 60 A changes registration for the liability limitation program from an annual to a biennial requirement to align the registration with health care professionals' biennial license renewal. The measure also adds acupuncturists and podiatric physicians to the licensees eligible to register for the program.

1st Chamber vote (Senate): Ayes, 29, Excused 1.