

HB 3036 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

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Meeting Dates: 2/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Defines "clinically experienced physician assistant," "collaboration," and "collaboration agreement." Specifies criteria permitting physician assistant (PA) to provide clinical care under collaborative agreement with a licensed physician, podiatric physician, or clinically experienced PA. Specifies terms of a collaboration agreement between a PA and licensed physician or experienced PA. Allows PAs to delegate dispensing of prescription drugs to staff assistants. Specifies that PA's degree of autonomous judgement shall be determined by community standards of care and PA's education, training, experience, and practice location. Grandfathers existing practice agreements if entered into or updated before January 1, 2022. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

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:

The Oregon Medical Board's (Board) mission is to protect the health, safety, and wellbeing of Oregonians by regulating the practice of medicine, including licensing physician assistants (PAs). To be eligible for a PA license In Oregon, an individual must have: (1) graduated from a PA training program approved by the American Medical Association Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation (CAHEA), or the Commission on Accreditation for Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), or the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA), and (2) passed the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination (PANCE) given by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA). Currently, a supervising physician may use the services of a PA in accordance with a practice agreement, which is a written agreement between a PA and a supervising physician or supervising physician organization (SPO) that describes what and how the PA will practice. The supervising physician or SPO is responsible for the direction and review of medical services provided by a PA.

House Bill 3036 modifies the practice of physician assistants by replacing supervision requirements with standards for collaboration with specified health care providers..