

SB 358 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Changes authorization to practice for behavior analysis interventionists from registration to licensure. Allows applied behavior analysis professional to provide outpatient treatment for mental or emotional disorder or chemical dependency to minors 14 years of age or older without patient's parental consent. Requires applied behavior analysis professional to report child abuse and to report prohibited or unprofessional conduct of another applied behavior analysis professional. Prohibits applied behavior analysis professional from practicing conversion therapy to minors under 18 years of age. Delays sunset of requirement that health benefit plan provide coverage for treatment of autism spectrum disorder provided by applied behavior analysis professional to January 2, 2030. 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:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill 365 (2013) established requirements requirements for coverage of applied behavior analysis (ABA) for treatment of autism spectrum disorders by health benefit plans, health care service contractors, the Public Employees' Benefit Board (PEBB) and the Oregon Educators Benefit Board (OEBB). The bill also created the Behavior Analysis Regulatory Board to license providers of ABA in Oregon. Senate Bill 696 (2015) established a statutory definition of "applied behavior analysis" and established criteria for licensure of behavior analysts and assistant behavior analysts.

Senate Bill 358 makes modifies provisions related to behavioral analysis professionals and delays the sunset of the requirement that health insurers reimburse for applied behavior analysis services.