

**HB 2493 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Behavioral Health**

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**Meeting Dates:** 5/10

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Directs Health Licensing Office to establish and maintain voluntary alternative practitioner registry of individuals who provide alternative well-being care. Defines terms. Allows office to impose discipline for certain violations. Prohibits registered alternative practitioners from assuming any titles that indicate the person is authorized by the state to provide alternative well-being care. Directs office to provide administrative and regulatory oversight to alternative well-being care program. Imposes civil penalty for violation of registry listing requirements. Becomes operative January 1, 2022. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Alternative well-being practitioners are not licensed or registered in the state of Oregon. A legislative workgroup met in the summer of 2020 to discuss a registry and other policy options. House Bill 2493 directs the Health Licensing Office to establish and maintain voluntary alternative practitioner registry of individuals who provide alternative well-being care.