

SB 306 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Expands the definition of "member" of the Oregon State Bar to include persons who are not attorneys. Allows for non-attorney members of the Oregon State Bar to practice law in permitted scopes of practice. Specifies that the Board of Governors shall formulate rules of professional conduct for attorneys. Allows for referral of claims, suits or actions between members of the bar; allows division of fees for legal services with another member. Expands bar complaint process against attorneys to members of the bar. Allows for an award of attorney's fees to associate members of the bar. Expands lawyer-client privilege and confidential communications to law practitioners. Defines "law practitioner" as a person authorized, or reasonably believed by the client to be authorized, to practice law in any state or nation. Allows members of the bar to have a lien for compensation for services rendered. Expands the term "attorney", in child support and landlord tenant laws, to include an associate member of the Oregon State Bar practicing law within the member's approved scope of practice.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND: