

HB 2736 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

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Meeting Dates: 1/31

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Enacts interstate Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact Compact). Specifies objectives, definitions, and duties of Compact participation. Exempts individuals authorized to work as under Compact privilege from requirement to obtain license from Occupational Therapy Licensing Board (Board) and from restrictions on use of titles. Permits Board to disclose information required by Compact relating to license status, investigative information, compact privileges, and adverse actions to Occupational Therapy Compact Commission. Allows Board to use moneys in Occupational Therapy Licensing Board Account to meet financial obligations imposed on State of Oregon as result of participation in Compact. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Occupational therapists (OT) and occupational therapy assistants (OTA) help people participate in the activities of everyday life by working with people to enhance their ability to engage in the occupations they want to, need to, or are expected to do, or by modifying the occupation or the environment to better support their occupational engagement. OTs and OTAs work with all age groups to evaluate, analyze, and diagnose occupational challenges and provide occupation-based interventions to address them.

The Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact (Compact) is joint initiative of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) and the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). Twenty-two states have enacted the Compact (Washington, Arizona, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, Nebraska, Iowa, Wisconsin, Missouri, Tennessee, Kentucky, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, Maryland, Delaware, New Hampshire, and Maine).

House Bill 2736 Would enact the interstate Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact in Oregon.