

**SB 1085 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Health Care**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Allows pharmacists to test and provide treatment for short-term health conditions that are generally managed with minimal treatment or drugs that are not controlled substances. Health conditions may include influenza, lice, skin conditions, and respiratory conditions. Allows the Oregon Health Authority and the State Board of Pharmacy to identify other health conditions by rule. Specifies procedure for pharmacists when testing for health conditions. Allows pharmacists to delegate administrative and technical tasks of testing to a pharmacy technician or an intern under the pharmacist’s supervision.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The practice of pharmacy is regulated by the Oregon Board of Pharmacy consistent with ORS Chapter 689. Among other duties, a pharmacist may verify dosage on medications prescribed by health care providers, prepare prescriptions according to prescriber instructions, determine whether a particular medication will interact with other medications used by the patient, verify that the patient is not at risk of adverse reactions caused by a prescription, educate patients about how and when to take or administer the prescription, advise patients about potential side effects of medication, administer various vaccinations, oversee and manage pharmacy interns and technicians.

According to the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations, Arkansas (2021), Colorado (2021), Delaware (2022), Idaho (2018), Iowa (2021), and Kansas (2022) have given authority to pharmacists to test or screen for and treat minor health conditions ([link](#) to National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations). In 2022, the Department of Health and Human Services administration launched a “Test to Treat” initiative to expand access to treatment for COVID-19 ([link](#) to Health and Human Services website).

Seante bill 1085 allows pharmacists, in addition to other duties described in ORS Chapter 689, to test and provide treatment for short-term health conditions that are generally managed with minimal treatment or drugs that are not controlled substances.