

## HB 2817 -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Clarifies area of leg to which definition of “podiatry” applies to include treatment of soft tissues on the human leg no further proximal than the tibial tubercle.

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Oregon Medical Board opinion
- Variance in podiatrist training scope and duration
- Definition of "soft tissue"

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-3 Substitutes "skin, skin-related structures and subcutaneous masses, and wounds involving skin, skin-related structures and subcutaneous masses" for "soft tissues" in definition of "podiatry."

*FISCAL: Has minimal fiscal impact*

*REVENUE: No revenue impact*

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Podiatric physicians (DPMs) are licensed to diagnose and perform medical, physical or surgical treatments related strictly to ailments of the human foot, ankle, and tendons directly attached to and governing the function of the foot and ankle. According to the Oregon Medical Board, there are just over 200 licensed DPMs in Oregon.

House Bill 2817 would clarify the area of the leg to which definition of “podiatry” applies to include treatment of soft tissues on the human leg no further proximal than the tibial tubercle.