

HB 2817 A -A4 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Clarifies area of leg to which definition of “podiatry” applies to include treatment of skin, skin-related structures and subcutaneous masses, and wounds involving skin, skin-related structures and subcutaneous masses on the human leg no further proximal than the tibial tubercle.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Has minimal fiscal impact

House vote: Ayes, 49; Nays, 2; Excused, 7

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-A4 Defines “podiatric physician and surgeon” as a physician who is licensed to practice podiatry.

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.

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