

HB 3300 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Action Date: 03/29/23

Action: Do pass. Refer to Ways and Means.

Vote: 10-0-1-0

Yeas: 10 - Bowman, Conrad, Diehl, Goodwin, Javadi, Morgan, Nelson, Nosse, Pham H, Tran

Exc: 1 - Dexter

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/27, 3/29

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists to issue limited permit to qualified applicant. Removes requirement that license to practice professional counseling or marriage and family therapy be renewed annually. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Permitted limited licensing by Board of Psychology
- Alignment of licensing renewal timelines with continuing education reporting
- Impact of proposed changes on Board staff workloads

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists (OBLPCT) was created for the purpose of licensing and regulating licensed professional counselors (LPCs) and licensed marriage and family therapists (LMFTs). Marriage and family therapy is defined as, "the assessment, diagnosis or treatment of mental, emotional or behavioral disorders involving the application of family systems or other psychotherapeutic principles and methods in the delivery of services to individuals, couples, children, families, groups or organizations." (ORS 675.705(6)). Professional counseling is defined as, "the assessment, diagnosis or treatment of mental, emotional or behavioral disorders involving the application of mental health counseling or other psychotherapeutic principles and methods in the delivery of services to individuals, couples, children, families, groups or organizations." (ORS 675.705(7)).

House Bill 3300 allows the Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists to issue limited permits to qualified applicants and removes the requirement that a license to practice professional counseling or marriage and family therapy be renewed annually.