

**HB 2584 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Removes requirement that physician assistant collaboration agreement with physician or employer include performance assessment and review process beginning January 1, 2024. 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:**

Physician assistants (PAs) help provide care in primary, specialty, and surgical setting in both urban and rural areas. In Oregon, requirements for licensure as a PA include: (1) graduation from a PA training program approved by the American Medical Association Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation (CAHEA), or the Commission on Accreditation for Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), or the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA); and (2) passage of the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination (PANCE) given by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA).

In 2021, the Legislative Assembly passed House Bill 3036, shifting PA practice from a supervision to collaboration model. Under this model, PAs must enter a collaboration agreement with a physician or the PAs health care employer. The degree of autonomous judgment a PA may exercise is determined at the physician assistant's primary location of practice by the community standards of care and the physician assistant's education, training, and experience.

House Bill 2584 would remove requirement that a physician assistant's collaboration agreement include the performance assessment and review process.