

HB 2584 -1 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: Has minimal fiscal impact

REVENUE: No revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- House Bill 3036 (2021)
- PA scope of practice in comparison to nurse practitioners (NPs)
- Other professions or states statutorily requiring filing of practitioner performance assessment and review processes

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 **Replaces measure.** Adds physician assistants to practice of medicine provisions, including use of title and duty of care.

BACKGROUND:

Physician assistants (PAs) help provide care in primary, specialty, and surgical settings 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 PA's primary location of practice by the community standards of care and the PA'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.