

HB 2817 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

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Meeting Dates: 3/15

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.

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:

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.