

## HB 3760 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires art therapists who obtain licensure through the Health Licensing Office (HLO) to complete two years of supervised mental health practice and enables the HLO to issue provisional licenses to art therapists who meet certain criteria before they have completed the supervised mental health practice.

#### Detailed Summary

- Requires art therapists to complete two years of supervised mental health practice before obtaining licensure.
- Creates a provisional license within the HLO Art Therapy Program. Directs the HLO to issue a provisional license to an art therapist that meets certain criteria but has not completed the supervised mental health practice. Specifies qualification criteria for obtaining a provisional license. Requires an art therapist with a provisional license to practice under a qualified supervisor.
- Specifies conditions that must be met in order for a provisional licensee to apply for a license as an art therapist. Enables the HLO to impose other requirements by rule.
- Specifies that new requirements apply to individuals who apply for licensure beginning January 1, 2028.
- Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

*Fiscal impact: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued*

*Revenue impact: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued*

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Specifies that a licensed art therapist, licensed certified art therapist, or provisionally licensed art therapist may perform psychological or other assessments intended to diagnose or measure mental illness only when the provider has relevant formal training in the use of that assessment.

#### BACKGROUND:

Art therapists are practitioners who utilize art mediums, the creative process, and the art produced to support clients living with depression, anxiety, attachment disorders, and post-traumatic stress. Art therapy integrates psychotherapeutic principles to support clients in increasing their awareness of self and others, processing stress and traumatic events, coping with symptoms, and implementing therapeutic approaches to meet individual developmental, behavioral, emotional, and cognitive needs.

Housed within the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), the Health Licensing Office (HLO) supports professional boards, councils, and programs with oversight of many health and health-related professions. House Bill 2432 (2017) directed the HLO to issue licenses to qualified art therapists to practice art therapy. Senate Bill 29 (2019) further modified requirements for art therapist licensure. The HLO [Art Therapy Program](#) provides licenses to those who practice art therapy or use the title art therapist.

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