

HB 4179 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure specifies that any nonprofit entity created or maintained by the Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) includes an entity organized under Oregon's nonprofit corporation statutes so long as OHSU is a corporate member of the entity. It also provides that for each entity created or maintained by OHSU to provide patient care, any physician, naturopathic physician, or dentist who provides patient care, is acting within that individual's state employment or duties for the purposes of tort action against public bodies (ORS 30.267). It also exempts the entity from the prohibited acts for a person in the practice of medicine (ORS 677.080).

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

Revenue impact: No revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

ORS 30.267, for the purposes of tort actions against public bodies, makes all services constituting patient care, including, but not limited to, inpatient care, outpatient care and all forms of consultation, that are provided on the OHSU campus or in any OHSU clinic, within the scope of their state employment or duties when performed by the physicians, naturopathic physicians, dentists, or other specified personnel affiliated with OHSU.

ORS 677.080 identifies the prohibited acts for a person in the practice of medicine. The law states that a person may not:

- Knowingly make any false statement or representation on a matter, or willfully conceal any fact material to the right of the person to practice medicine or to obtain a license under this chapter
- Sell or fraudulently obtain or furnish any medical and surgical diploma, license, record, or registration.
- Impersonate anyone to whom a license has been granted by the Oregon Medical Board.
- Practice medicine in this state without a license, with certain exceptions.