

HB 4179 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Pham H

House Committee On Rules**Action Date:** 02/19/26**Action:** Do Pass.**Vote:** 7-0-0-0**Yeas:** 7 - Bowman, Elmer, Grayber, Kropf, Pham H, Skarlatos, Wallan**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact**Revenue:** No revenue impact**Prepared By:** Melissa Leoni, LPRO Analyst**Meeting Dates:** 2/19**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure specifies that any nonprofit entity created or maintained by 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 provides that any physician, naturopathic physician, or dentist who provides patient care, under an entity created or maintained by OHSU to provide 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 specifies that the provisions of ORS 677.080, which describe prohibited acts for a person in the practice of medicine, do not apply to the entity created or maintained by OHSU to provide patient care.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Status of employees as public employees

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

For the purposes of tort actions against public bodies, Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 30.267 makes all services constituting patient care—including inpatient care, outpatient care, and all forms of consultation—provided on the OHSU campus or in any OHSU clinic by physicians, naturopathic physicians, dentists, or other specified personnel affiliated with OHSU within the scope of these individuals’ state employment or duties when performed.

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

- 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 Oregon without a license, with certain exceptions