

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/7

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Defines "naturopathic physician." Expands the definition of physician, used by the Department of Transportation, to include naturopathic physicians. Specifies that naturopathic physicians can submit reports to the State Health Officer, regarding the abilities of a person with a mental or physical condition or impairment to safely operate a motor vehicle.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Training for naturopathic physicians
- Abilities of naturopathic physicians to perform examinations and make diagnoses

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Current statute defines "naturopathic medicine" and defines the requirements for licensure under the Board of Naturopathic Examiners (ORS 685), but does not include a definition of "naturopathic physician."

The definition of "physician" is not standardized throughout the ORS. Some state agencies treat naturopathic physicians as equal to medical doctors and doctors of osteopathy, while others do not allow naturopathic physicians to file reports or perform examinations required by the state.