## 74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY Senate Committee on Health Policy & Public Affairs

FISCAL: No fiscal impact	
Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	3 - 0 - 2
Yeas:	Gordly, Courtney, Monnes Anderson
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Carter, Kruse
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Meeting Dates:	3/14

## **REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Authorizes supervising physician of physician assistant to designate another physician as agent to temporarily supervise physician assistant. Clarifies the definition of "agent."

## **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

• Statutory catch-up on practice already in place

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Clarifies the definition of "agent." Gives "agent" the same definition that exists in administrative rule of Oregon Board of Medical Examiners.

**BACKGROUND:** "Agent" was defined in Oregon statute in the 1980s but later deleted. Oregon Board of Medical Examiners' Rules OAR 847-050-0010 defines "agent" as a physician designated by a supervising physician of a physician assistant who provides supervision of the physician assistant's medical services for a predetermined period of time.