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Yeas:	Clem, Conger, Harker, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Thompson, Weidner, Greenlick
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Meeting Dates:	2/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Defines “clinical experience.” Expands definition of “marriage and family therapy” to include other psychotherapeutic principles and methods. Requires licensed professional counselor and marriage and family therapist applicants to have minimum of three years of full-time supervised clinical experience.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Qualifications of mental health counselors and marriage and family therapists
- Department of Justice concerns about the current statute
- Definition of “marriage and family therapy”

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists (OBLPCT) regulate the practice of mental health counselors and marriage and family therapists with the purpose of protecting the public. The OBLPCT issues new and renewal licenses to qualified persons, disciplines misconduct by licensees and develop and maintain standards of education and training for entry into the regulated professions.

House Bill 2768 revises the definition of marriage and family therapists to better reflect the treatment methods applied in that profession and requires the same amount of full-time clinical experience for both professional counselor and marriage and family therapist license applicants.