

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Senate Health Care

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, statement not yet issued**FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued****Action:****Vote:****Yeas:****Nays:****Exc.:****Prepared By:** Zena Rockowitz, Administrator**Meeting Dates:** 4/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows individuals who complete a polysomnographic program that combines education and training to apply for the polysomnographic technologist license. Clarifies that an individual that has met the required education and training, and who has obtained and maintained the nationally recognized credential, meets the prerequisites for licensure by the Respiratory Therapist and Polysomnographic Technologist Licensing Board.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: -A4 Amendment: Specifies date of March 1, 2013.

BACKGROUND: According to the American Academy of Sleep Medicine, a Polysomnographic Technologist works under the general supervision of the clinical director or their designee to provide comprehensive evaluation and treatment of sleep disorders. This may include polysomnography, diagnostic and therapeutic services, or patient care and education. The current requirements for becoming a licensed Polysomnographic Technologist include: a high school diploma; completion of an education or training program, or one that includes both education and training; and the passing of an examination approved by the Board. House Bill 2305-A maintains the current educational requirements for Polysomnographic technologists and allows an individual licensure who has met the current combined education and training requirements for the national Polysomnographic Technologist credential.