

HB 2114 -7 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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Meeting Dates: 4/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Oregon Medical Board, the Oregon State Board of Nursing and the Oregon Board of Dentistry to provide notice to licensees regulated by each board who are authorized to prescribe opioids or opiates of the Oregon Opioid Prescribing Guidelines: Recommendations for the Safe Use of Opioid Medications, as endorsed by the Oregon Medical Board in January 2017 no later than January 1, 2018. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

REVENUE: No revenue impact.

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-7 Adds Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine to list of boards to provide licensees with opioid and opiate prescribing guidelines.

BACKGROUND:

The United States is experiencing an opioid epidemic. From 1999 to 2013, the number of prescription opioids dispensed quadrupled in the U.S. In 2014, two million people abused or were dependent on prescription opioids, and in 2015, more than 33,000 individuals died as a result of an opioid overdose. Oregon has one of the highest rates of prescription opioid abuse in the country. Misuse of opioid prescriptions results in more deaths than alcohol, methamphetamines, heroin and cocaine, with an average of three Oregonians dying each week.

In 2016, the Public Health Division convened the Oregon Opioid Prescribing Guidelines Task Force to develop statewide guidelines for clinicians and health care organizations. The goal was to address the epidemic of opioid use, misuse and overdose by providing a consistent framework for care and improving patient safety at the local and regional level.

House Bill 2114-A directs three health care licensing boards to provide licensees with opioid and opiate prescribing guidelines.