

SB 60 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Fagan

Senate Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 01/30/19

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 4-0-1-0

Yeas: 4 - Beyer, Fagan, Linthicum, Monnes Anderson

Exc: 1 - Knopp

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 1/23, 1/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Changes registration for volunteer health care professionals claiming liability limitation from annual to a biennial requirement. Adds acupuncturists to licensees eligible to register for liability limitation exemption. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Alignment with Volunteers in Medicine registration timeline
- Purpose of amendment

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Corrects statutory references to include all physician types licensed by the OMB.

BACKGROUND:

Certain health care practitioners that provide services without compensation may be eligible to register with the Oregon Medical Board (OMB) for a program that limits the practitioner's liability for injury, death, or other loss. In addition to registration with the OMB, limitation of liability requires informed consent and a signed notification by the patient or the patient's authorized representative. The liability limitation program is currently available to:

- Physicians
- Nurses
- Nurse practitioners
- Clinical nurse specialists
- Physician assistants
- Dental hygienists
- Dentists
- Pharmacists
- Optometrists
- Naturopathic physicians

Senate Bill 60 A changes registration for the liability limitation program from an annual to a biennial requirement and adds acupuncturists to the licensees eligible to register for the program.