

**SB 60 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Rep. Hayden

**House Committee On Health Care**

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**Action Date:** 05/02/19

**Action:** Do Pass the A-Eng bill.

**Vote:** 10-0-1-0

**Yeas:** 10 - Alonso Leon, Boles, Drazan, Greenlick, Hayden, Keny-Guyer, Mitchell, Nosse, Prusak, Salinas

**Exc:** 1 - Noble

**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/30, 5/2

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Changes registration requirement from annual to biennial for volunteer health care professionals claiming liability limitation; adds acupuncturists and podiatrists. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Streamlining regulation; reducing administrative burden
- Inclusion of all health care professionals licensed by the Oregon Medical Board

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Health care professionals who provide services without compensation may be eligible for a program that limits their liability for related injury, death, or other losses. To be eligible for the program, the volunteer practitioner must register with the Oregon Medical Board and obtain signed, informed consent from patients receiving donated services, or their authorized representatives. The liability limitation program is currently available to physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, physician assistants, dental hygienists, dentists, pharmacists, optometrists, and naturopathic physicians.

The Oregon Medical Board reports that 266 physicians and physician assistants registered for the program in 2018.

Senate Bill 60 A changes registration for the liability limitation program from annual to a biennial to align with health care professionals' biennial license renewal. The measure also includes acupuncturists and podiatrists among licensees who are eligible to register for the program.