

SB 742 B STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Noble

House Committee On Health Care**Action Date:** 05/14/19**Action:** Do pass with amendments to the A-Eng bill. (Printed B-Eng.)**Vote:** 11-0-0-0**Yeas:** 11 - Alonso Leon, Boles, Drazan, Greenlick, Hayden, Keny-Guyer, Mitchell, Noble, Nosse, Prusak, Salinas**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact**Revenue:** No revenue impact**Prepared By:** Oliver Droppers, LPRO Analyst**Meeting Dates:** 4/23, 5/14**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Directs the Health Licensing Office (HLO) to issue licenses to engage in the practice of athletic training. Modifies definition of "athlete." Becomes operative January 1, 2020. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment *sine die*.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Role of and scope of practice for athletic trainers
- Requirement for all athletic trainers to pass national certification exam
- Changing registration to licensure for athletic trainers
- Level and types of education athletic trainers receive, such as bachelor's or master's degree
- Forty-nine states that regulate athletic trainers (California is the exception)
- Differences in scope of practice between athletic trainers and physical therapists
- Limited-to-no reimbursement or billing for services provided by athletic trainers
- Benefits of having access to athletic trainers
- Role of athletic trainers in clinical medicine; relationship with other health care professionals including physicians
- Ability for athletic trainers to work with professional and nonprofessional athletes

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Restores definitions for "athlete," "athletic injury," "practice athletic training," and "registered athletic trainer." Modifies definition of "athlete" by removing reference to "educational institution, or professional or amateur sports activity." Removes reference to the practice of athletic training and collaboration with a licensed physician and list of specified services.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Health Licensing Office (HLO) oversees licensing and regulation of multiple health and related professions represented by 16 volunteer citizen boards, councils, and programs. Combined, HLO ensures qualification standards and ongoing professional requirements for more than 73,500 active practice, facility, and independent contractor authorizations. The Board of Athletic Trainers is the volunteer board that oversees the practice of athletic trainers. Currently, the HLO provides registration of athletic trainer applicants who meet specified qualifications, and the Oregon Athletic Trainers' Society (OATS) is the professional organization that certifies and registers them. Athletic trainers prevent, recognize, and evaluate athletic injuries and provide immediate care, rehabilitation, and reconditioning services to athletes. Athletic trainers work in cooperation with physicians and other allied health personnel and function as integral members of athletic health care teams at secondary schools, colleges and universities, sports medicine clinics, professional sports programs, and in other athletic health care settings.

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Senate Bill 742-B changes an existing registration process for qualifying athletic trainers, to require licensure by the Health Licensing Office.