

## **HB 2078 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **House Committee On Health Care**

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Repeals Oregon Health Authority's credentialing information program. Requires Pain Management Commission to develop a one-hour training for health professional regulatory and other health boards; specifies applicable types of practitioners. Requires curriculum to take into account the needs of groups disproportionately affected by adverse social determinants of health and related factors that influence how individuals experience chronic pain. Requires licensed practitioners to complete pain management education program every 36 months. Removes annual reporting requirement of the Oregon Health Information Technology program. Modifies definition of temporary employee for determining benefit plan eligibility in Public Employees' Benefit Board to align with federal law.

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

##### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

##### **BACKGROUND:**

The Oregon Health Authority's (OHA) Office of Health Information Technology (OHIT) program was created in 2011 and is responsible for facilitating electronic exchange of health information, promoting standards and policies around privacy and security of health information, and supporting improved health outcomes using health information technology (ORS 413.310). House Bill 2294 (2015) requires OHIT to submit an annual report to the Legislative Assembly on the program's status. Senate Bill 604 (2013) required OHIT to establish a Common Credentialing Program for credentialing organizations (e.g., health plans and hospitals) to access the information necessary to credential or re-credential all health care practitioners in the state. The program was intended to simplify the administrative processes related to credentialing, reduce burden on practitioners, and eliminate duplication for credentialing organizations. In 2018, OHA evaluated the proposed credentialing program's cost-effectiveness and decided to suspend the program (link) permanently.

The Oregon Pain Management Commission manages a statewide pain management education program curriculum for use by licensed health care professionals that includes a one-hour web-based pain management module. House Bill 2265 (2019) added optometrists to the list of professionals required to complete pain management training.

Oregon's Public Employees' Benefits Board (PEBB) designs, contracts, and administers various benefits for state employees, including medical and dental coverage. In 2019, PEBB's total membership was approximately 139,000 individuals.

House Bill 2078 repeals the Common Credentialing Program, updates pain management training for health care practitioners, and modifies the definition of temporary employee for coverage eligibility in PEBB.