

SB 17 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Labor and Business

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows professional licensing boards to issue a provisional license or other provisional authorization to an out-of-state applicant if applicant is licensed or authorized in another state to engage in the same occupation or profession, intends to engage in the occupation or profession in the Eastern Oregon Border Economic Development Region, and certifies they are seeking full licensure or other authorization to engage in the occupation or profession. Requires applicants to meet all Oregon standards for full licensure or other authorization no later than two years following the date of provisional license or authorization.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

House Bill 2012 (2017) established the seven-member Eastern Oregon Border Economic Development Board to formulate and implement strategies and practices for strategic investment in workforce and economic development in the Eastern Oregon Border Economic Development Region. The region covers the area within 20 miles of the Oregon border with Idaho, including the cities of Ontario, Vale, Nyssa, Willowcreek, Brogan, and areas southwest of Vale.

According to the Board's December 2018 report to the House Interim Committee on Economic Development and Trade, "a strong potential exists for Oregon's Malheur County and its communities along the Idaho border, but the region has experienced stagnant growth, economic decline and workforce challenges in recent years while the neighboring communities of Idaho have seen significant development. The very different laws and policies of the two states have resulted in a disadvantage for the Eastern Oregon border region."

Senate Bill 17 allows professional licensing boards to issue a provisional license or other provisional authorization to an out-of-state applicant if the applicant is licensed or authorized in another state for the same occupation or profession, intends to engage in the occupation or profession in the Eastern Oregon Border Economic Development Region, and certifies they are seeking full licensure or other authorization to engage in the work. Applicants issued a provisional license must meet all Oregon standards for full licensure within two years.