

SB 124 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

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Meeting Dates: 4/29

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Adds certified speech-language pathology assistant to membership of State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (Board). Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Senate Vote: *Passed. Ayes, 29; Nays, 1 (Heard)*

REVENUE: *No revenue impact*

FISCAL: *Has minimal fiscal impact*

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Role of speech-language pathology assistants
- Current Board composition

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (Board) was established in 1973 to regulate the performance of audiologists, speech-language pathologists, and speech-language pathology assistants. The Board is currently comprised of seven members: two audiologists, two speech-language pathologists, two members of the public, and an Otolaryngologist.

Senate Bill 124 adds a certified speech-language pathology assistant to membership of the State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology.