

SB 124 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Beyer

Senate Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 03/01/21

Action: Do pass.

Vote: 4-1-0-0

Yeas: 4 - Beyer, Knopp, Manning Jr, Patterson

Nays: 1 - Heard

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/1, 3/1

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.

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.