

SB 410 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Oregon Board of Pharmacy to adopt rules to issue a temporary license to qualified applicants to perform the duties of pharmacy technician. Allows a temporary pharmacy technician license to be renewed once before requiring passage of a national pharmacy technician certification examination.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Under the supervision of a pharmacist, a pharmacy technician may assist in the practice of pharmacy by packing medications for dispensing, sale, or distribution. Oregon rules allow the Oregon Board of Pharmacy to issue an annual license for “Pharmacy Technician,” which requires that an applicant be at least 18 years of age, to have completed high school, and pass a background check. The Board of Pharmacy issues a biennial license for “Oregon Certified Pharmacy Technician” which, in addition to the requirements for Pharmacy Technician, requires passage of a national pharmacy technician certification ([OAR 855-025-0001 et seq](#)).

Senate Bill 410 would direct the Oregon Board of Pharmacy to adopt rules to issue a temporary “Pharmacy Technician” license, renewable one time before technicians are required to pass a national pharmacy technician certification examination and to obtain the Oregon Certified Pharmacy Technician license.