

**SB 408 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Health Care**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to establish a process to review proposed revisions to the scope of practice of licensed health care professions. Requires OHA to assemble a temporary committee to review requested revisions and any impact statements submitted on behalf of the profession that is the subject of the proposed revision or another profession that is affected. Specifies that the review committee consists of two members recommended by the entity that submitted the scope of practice request, two members recommended by the entity that submitted an impact statement, and a representative of OHA. Establishes the duties of the temporary committee, including submitting a report with the committee's findings and recommendations to OHA and the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-1 Directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to convene a Scope of Practice Advisory Committee consisting of not more than 14 members. Specifies that the committee may review proposed scope of practice revisions for physicians, physician assistants, podiatric physicians and surgeons, naturopathic physicians, optometrists, psychologists, chiropractic physicians, direct entry midwives, and acupuncturists. Directs the Committee to convene temporary panels to review requests.

**BACKGROUND:**

Scope of practice refers to those activities that a licensed health professional is permitted to perform pursuant to statute enacted by state legislatures and by rules adopted by the corresponding licensing entity.

Senate Bill 408 requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to create a process for committee review of review requests to revise the scope of practice for health care professions and for recommendations to be submitted to the Legislative Assembly.