

SB 410 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

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Meeting Dates: 4/19, 4/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows State Board of Pharmacy to adopt rules to issue temporary license to perform duties of pharmacy technician. Specifies that temporary license may be renewed once. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

REVENUE: No revenue impact

SENATE VOTE: Ayes, 25; Nays, 2; Excused, 3

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Rationale for limiting renewal of pharmacy technician temporary licenses
- Potential interaction with House Bill 2486 (2023)
- Impact on pharmacy technician workforce of limiting ability to renew temporary license

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. Current Oregon Administrative Rule allows the State Board of Pharmacy to issue pharmacy technician licenses to qualified applicants. Pharmacy technicians who have also passed specified national certification exams are then also able to apply for licensure as a Certified Oregon Pharmacy Technician. Both licenses require biennial renewal.

Senate Bill 410 would allow the State Board of Pharmacy to adopt rules for issuing a temporary license to perform duties of pharmacy technician and would specify that the temporary license may only be renewed once.