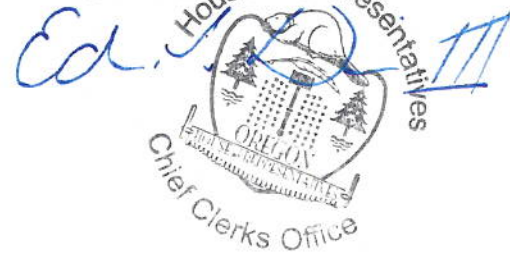




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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Health Care Advocates Ask You To Support HB 2584-A to Streamline the Physician Assistant (PA) Modernization Act

In 2021, the legislature took the lead on modernizing the practice of Physician Assistants in Oregon with the passage of HB 3036. Despite this much needed change, some statutory requirements and restrictions on Physician Assistants remain and result in unnecessary administrative burdens on employers who want to employ a PA to provide high quality health care to Oregon patients. The technical fixes in this bill will continue the efforts of the PA Modernization Act to increase access to care in communities across Oregon, particularly rural and underserved communities, ensuring they are staffed with qualified medical providers.

House Bill 2584-A will streamline the Physician Assistant Modernization Act by:

- **Removing performance assessments from collaboration agreements**, allowing employers to implement this practice as they see fit.
- **Reinsert Physician Assistants in the practice of medicine statute**, addressing an unintended consequence of the 2021 PA Modernization Act.
- **Clarify that a Physician Assistant's scope of practice is defined by the PA's education, training, and experience.**
- **Add Physician Assistants to the duty of care provision in statute**, consistent with other medical providers.
- **Add that an employer may be organized consistent with statute defining health care corporations for the purposes of collaborative practice.**

It is important to note that, just as with HB 3036 in the 2021 Legislative Session, nothing in this bill will prohibit employers from continuing to hire and manage PAs in whatever manner they deem necessary to ensure patient health and safety.

We urge your support of HB 2584-A to ensure that PAs are able to practice at the top of their license by implementing these technical fixes to the PA Modernization Act.



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