

SB 410 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Patterson

Senate Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 02/01/23

Action: Do pass.

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Bonham, Campos, Gorsek, Hayden, Patterson

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 1/25, 2/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows the Oregon Board of Pharmacy to adopt rules to issue a temporary license to qualified applicants to perform the duties of pharmacy technician. Specifies temporary pharmacy technician license may be renewed once before requiring passage of a national pharmacy technician certification examination. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Patient safety

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” that requires that an applicant be at least 18 years of age, have completed high school, and passed a background check. The Board of Pharmacy issues a biennial license for “Oregon Certified Pharmacy Technician” that, 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 allows the Oregon Board of Pharmacy to adopt rules to issue a temporary pharmacy technician license and permits holders of the temporary license to register one time before they must pass the national pharmacy technician certification examination to obtain the Oregon Certified Pharmacy Technician license.