

HB 2584 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Diehl

House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Action Date: 03/01/23

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 10-0-1-0

Yeas: 10 - Bowman, Conrad, Dexter, Diehl, Goodwin, Javadi, Nelson, Nosse, Pham H, Tran

Exc: 1 - Morgan

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/8, 3/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Removes requirement that physician assistant (PA) collaboration agreement with physician or employer include performance assessment and review process beginning January 1, 2024. Adds PAs to use of title and duty of care provisions. Clarifies that PA scope of practice is based on education, training, and experience. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- House Bill 3036 (2021)
- PA scope of practice in comparison to nurse practitioners (NPs)
- Other professions or states that statutorily require filing of practitioner performance assessment and review processes

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

Physician assistants (PAs) help provide care in primary, specialty, and surgical settings in both urban and rural areas. In Oregon, requirements for licensure as a PA include: (1) graduation from a PA training program approved by the American Medical Association Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation (CAHEA), or the Commission on Accreditation for Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), or the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA); and (2) passage of the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination (PANCE) given by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA).

In 2021, the Legislative Assembly passed House Bill 3036, shifting PA practice from a supervision to collaboration model. Under this model, PAs must enter a collaboration agreement with a physician or the PAs health care employer. The degree of autonomous judgment a PA may exercise is determined at the PA's primary location of practice by the community standards of care and the PA's education, training, and experience.

House Bill 2584 A removes the requirement that a physician assistant's collaboration agreement include the process for assessing and reviewing the physician assistant's performance.