

## **HB 2357 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care**

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure enacts the interstate Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact and Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (Compacts) to allow occupational therapists and audiologists and speech-language pathologists licensed in other compact states to practice in Oregon without obtaining a license through the Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists or State Board of Examiners of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology.

#### Detailed Summary

- Establishes purposes and definitions for Compacts.
- Specifies obligations of state's participation in Compacts.
- Establishes circumstances allowing occupational therapists, audiologist or speech-language pathologist licensed in a Compact state to temporarily practice in another compact state.
- Specifies disciplinary processes for Compact states.
- Requires state to submit specified data to Compacts' coordinating database.
- Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**FISCAL:** *May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.*

**REVENUE:** *May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.*

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Interstate licensing compact establish formal, legal relationships between states that improve the portability of occupational licenses by lowering barriers for multi-state practice. Compacts establish uniform guidelines, standards, and procedures for regulatory agencies in compact member states. They are often overseen by interstate commissions, with member states typically appointing one or more delegates to the commission. According to The Council of State Governments (CSG), there are 15 health professions with available licensure compacts. Forty-nine states, including Oregon, have enacted at least one licensure compact.

House Bill 2357 enacts the interstate Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact and Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact in Oregon.