

SB 873 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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Meeting Dates: 2/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure repeals the Oregon Medical Board's Volunteer Emeritus License, which allows out of state physicians to practice medicine on a volunteer basis in Oregon.

Fiscal impact: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

Revenue impact: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Medical Board's Volunteer Emeritus License is available for physicians with a current license issued in another state to volunteer at health clinics in Oregon ([OAR 847-023](#)). As of February 3, 2025, there are no active Volunteer Emeritus Licenses issued in Oregon ([License Totals Report](#)). Additionally, [HB 4096 \(2022\)](#) permits physicians with a current license issued in another state to practice medicine in Oregon on a volunteer basis for up to 30 days.

SB 873 repeals [ORS 677.120](#) and the Oregon Medical Board's Volunteer Emeritus License while continuing to permit physicians with a current license in another state to practice in Oregon through [ORS 676.347](#).