SB 873 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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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: Has minimal fiscal impact

REVENUE: No revenue impact

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 (<u>OAR 847-023</u>). As of February 3, 2025, there are no active Volunteer Emeritus Licenses issued in Oregon (<u>License Totals Report</u>). Additionally, <u>HB 4096 (2022)</u> 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 <u>ORS 677.120</u> 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 <u>ORS 676.347</u>.