

SB 873 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

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Meeting Dates: 4/22

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.

SENATE VOTE: Yeas 29; Nays 0

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 ([ORS 677.120](#) and [OAR 847-023](#)). As of February 3, 2025, there are no active Volunteer Emeritus Licenses issued in Oregon ([License Totals Report](#)). [House Bill 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 ([ORS 676.347](#)).

Senate Bill 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 under ORS 676.347.