

SB 874 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure defines “Oriental medicine” as the practice of acupuncture and traditional Chinese medicine as regulated by the Oregon Medical Board.

FISCAL: Has minimal fiscal impact

REVENUE: No revenue impact

SENATE VOTE: Yeas 29; Nays 0

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Clarification to Medical Practice Act
- Potential future updating of statutory language

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

To be licensed as an acupuncturist in Oregon, an applicant must have graduated from an acupuncture program that satisfies the standards of the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine or an equivalent accreditation body or must show adequate clinical acupuncture practice in the United States for five of the last seven years; must have a current certification in acupuncture by the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine; and must have English language proficiency ([ORS 847-070-0005](#)).

Acupuncturists are licensed by the Oregon Medical Board and regulated under [ORS 677.757-785](#). ORS Chapter 677 refers to both acupuncture and “Oriental medicine” interchangeably but does not define “Oriental medicine.”

Senate Bill 874 defines “Oriental medicine” in [ORS 677.010](#) to include the practice of acupuncture and traditional Chinese medicine as licensed by the Oregon Medical Board.