

SB 873 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 02/27/25

Action: Do pass.

Vote: 4-0-1-0

Yeas: 4 - Hayden, Linthicum, Patterson, Reynolds

Exc: 1 - Campos

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/20, 2/27

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.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Impact of the measure.

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.