

SB 873 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Pham H

House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Action Date: 05/06/25

Action: Do Pass.

Vote: 7-0-2-0

Yeas: 7 - Diehl, Harbick, Isadore, Javadi, Munoz, Nelson, Pham H

Exc: 2 - McIntire, Nosse

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/22, 5/6

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:

- Limited nature of license and potential overlap with emeritus license
- Existing authorizations for expedited licensing during declared emergencies

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.