

# House Bill 2585

Sponsored by Representative PHAM H (Pre-session filed.)

## SUMMARY

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Digest: The Act tells OHA to make a process to look at scopes of work for some health care workers and to report to the legislature. (Flesch Readability Score: 73.1).

Directs the Oregon Health Authority to establish a process to receive and review scope of practice requests for specified health care professions. Requires the authority to report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health care.

Becomes operative July 1, 2026.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to health care profession scopes of practice; and prescribing an effective date.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 (a) **"Impact statement" means a written statement that describes the impact that the**  
6 **establishment or revision of a scope of practice may have on the health care providers who**  
7 **practice the health care profession that is the subject of the scope of practice request, on**  
8 **the health care providers who practice other health care professions and on the public, and**  
9 **that contains any other information required by the Oregon Health Authority by rule.**

10 (b) **"Scope of practice" means the activities within a health care profession that an indi-**  
11 **vidual authorized to practice that health care profession is allowed to perform.**

12 (c) **"Scope of practice request" means a written request to establish or revise the scope**  
13 **of practice for a health care profession.**

14 (2) **The authority shall establish by rule a process to receive and review scope of practice**  
15 **requests for the following health care professions:**

16 (a) **Physicians licensed under ORS chapter 677;**

17 (b) **Physician associates licensed under ORS 677.505 to 677.525;**

18 (c) **Podiatric physicians and surgeons, as defined in ORS 677.010;**

19 (d) **Naturopathic physicians licensed under ORS chapter 685;**

20 (e) **Optometrists licensed under ORS 683.010 to 683.340;**

21 (f) **Psychologists licensed under ORS 675.010 to 675.150;**

22 (g) **Chiropractic physicians licensed under ORS chapter 684;**

23 (h) **Direct entry midwives licensed under ORS 687.405 to 687.495; and**

24 (i) **Acupuncturists licensed under ORS 677.757 to 677.770.**

25 (3) **The scope of practice review process established under subsection (2) of this section**  
26 **must:**

27 (a)(A) **Allow any person or entity acting on behalf of health care providers who practice**  
28 **the health care profession that is the subject of the scope of practice request to submit a**

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1 request for review of the scope of practice request; and

2 (B) Allow any person or entity acting on behalf of health care providers who practice a  
3 health care profession that may be directly impacted by the scope of practice request to  
4 submit an impact statement;

5 (b) Establish a process to convene a temporary scope of practice review panel as de-  
6 scribed in subsection (4) of this section; and

7 (c) Facilitate the report required under subsection (4) of this section.

8 (4)(a) Upon receipt of a scope of practice request, the authority shall convene a tempo-  
9 rary scope of practice review panel that consists of the following members:

10 (A) Two members who are recommended by the person who or entity that submitted the  
11 scope of practice request to represent health care providers who practice the health care  
12 profession that is the subject of the scope of practice request;

13 (B) Two members recommended by each person who or entity that submitted an impact  
14 statement to represent health care providers who practice a health care profession that may  
15 be impacted by the scope of practice request as described in the impact statement; and

16 (C) The Director of the Oregon Health Authority, or a designee of the director.

17 (b) In conducting the scope of practice review, a panel convened under this subsection  
18 may consult with a health professional regulatory board that regulates a health care pro-  
19 fession described in subsection (2) of this section.

20 (c) A panel convened under this subsection shall:

21 (A) Review the scope of practice request and any impact statements;

22 (B) Consider factors including, but not limited to, the safety of patients or clients of the  
23 health care providers who practice the health care profession that is the subject of the scope  
24 of practice request and access to the health care profession and to health care in general;  
25 and

26 (C) Not later than six months after the date on which the panel is convened, submit a  
27 report to the authority regarding the findings and recommendations for the scope of practice  
28 reviewed by the panel.

29 (d) A panel convened under this subsection is abolished six months after the date on  
30 which the report described in paragraph (c) of this subsection is submitted.

31 (5) A scope of practice reviewed by a panel under subsection (4) of this section may not  
32 be reduced or diminished as compared to the scope of practice in effect as of the operative  
33 date specified in section 2 of this 2025 Act.

34 (6) The authority shall submit a report, in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, including  
35 any findings and recommendations for legislation in addition to those of a panel convened  
36 under subsection (4) of this section, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly  
37 related to health care not later than September 15 next following the date on which the panel  
38 is convened.

39 (7) The authority may adopt rules to carry out this section.

40 **SECTION 2.** (1) Section 1 of this 2025 Act becomes operative on July 1, 2026.

41 (2) The Oregon Health Authority may take any action before the operative date specified  
42 in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the authority to exercise, on or  
43 after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions  
44 and powers conferred on the authority by section 1 of this 2025 Act.

45 **SECTION 3.** This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2025

1 **regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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