

# Senate Bill 683

Sponsored by Senator GOLDEN (Pre-session filed.)

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act tells OHA to conduct a count of primary care physicians in this state who are in active practice. (Flesch Readability Score: 68.0).

Requires the Oregon Health Authority to conduct a study every two years to count the number of licensed and actively practicing primary care physicians in this state. Directs the authority to submit a report to the Legislative Assembly and make the report publicly available.

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

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to primary care physicians; 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, "primary care physician" means a physician li-**  
5 **censed under ORS chapter 677 whose clinical practice is:**

6 (a) Family medicine;

7 (b) General internal medicine; or

8 (c) Pediatrics.

9 (2) Every two years, the Oregon Health Authority shall conduct a study to count the  
10 number of primary care physicians in this state who are licensed and in active practice. In  
11 conducting the study, the authority shall:

12 (a) Include a primary care physician in the count only if the physician is actively seeing  
13 patients in a primary care capacity;

14 (b) Sort the data by city and region; and

15 (c) Identify gaps in the availability of primary care physicians in rural and medically  
16 underserved areas.

17 (3) The authority shall submit a report on the authority's findings to the Legislative  
18 Assembly, including any recommendations for addressing primary care physician shortages  
19 and improving health care access in rural and medically underserved areas, and shall make  
20 the report publicly available on the authority's website.

21 **SECTION 2. No later than September 15, 2026, the Oregon Health Authority shall com-**  
22 **plete the first report described in section 1 of this 2025 Act.**

23 **SECTION 3. This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2025**  
24 **regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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