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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Changes the name of the Board of Radiologic Technology to Board of Medical Imaging Technology (Board). Adds definitions to reflect advances in the field of medical imaging. Changes the title of “limited permit holder” to “limited x-ray machine operator” and defines licensing requirements for limited x-ray machine operators. Expands various provisions of the bill and conforms language to new definitions in order to give the Board the authority to license and regulate medical imaging technologists and limited x-ray machine operators. Exempts certain persons, including licensed practitioners and persons who operate ultrasound equipment for the sole purpose of physical therapy, from regulation by the Board. Requires applicants to the Board to undergo a background check and to be certified by the nationally recognized certification organization in the specialty for which licensure is sought. Specifies conditions under which the Board can issue temporary licenses.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Standards for board certification
- Oversight activities of the Board
- Groups that would be brought under control of the Board
- Effect of statute on employment
- Locations where public can access medical imaging services
- Health risks associated with medical imaging services

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Explicitly adds physicians to the definition of licensed practitioner used throughout the provisions of the bill.

BACKGROUND: Since the Oregon Board of Radiologic Technology was created in 1977, there have been many advances in the field of radiology, now commonly referred to as medical imaging. Many new medical imaging technologies have been developed and many are now widely available and have become part of the standard care for all patients across the nation. The regulation of some of these technologies, including Ultrasound, Nuclear Medicine, and Magnetic Imaging, do not fall within the scope of the original Board and are currently not regulated in Oregon.

The Board asserts that a name change from the Oregon Board of Radiologic Technology to the Oregon Board of Medical Imaging Technology would more accurately reflect the broadening of the field of medical imaging. SB 144 would update ORS 688.405-688.605 to encompass all medical imaging technologies and give the Board of Medical Imaging Technology the authority to regulate medical imaging technologists.

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