

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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| Action: | Do Pass and Be Placed on the Consent Calendar |
| Vote: | 9 - 0 - 0 |
| Yeas: | Bonamici, Bruun, Cannon, Flores, Gelser, Kotek, Maurer, Richardson, Greenlick |
| Nays: | 0 |
| Exc.: | 0 |
| Prepared By: | Sandy Thiele-Cirka, Administrator |
| Meeting Dates: | 3/13 (policy sub), 3/23 (full) |

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Changes the name of the Board of Medical Examiners to Oregon Medical Board.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current confusion among the public
- The Board of Medical Examiners no longer conducts exams
- Other provisions of the bill

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Board of Medical Examiners is responsible for administering the Medical Practice Act and establishing the rules and regulations pertaining to the practice of medicine in Oregon. The board determines requirements for Oregon licensure for certain practitioners, ensures that all applicants granted licensure meet all Oregon requirements, investigates complaints against licensees and takes disciplinary action when a violation of the Medical Practice Act occurs.

The board itself no longer examines every candidate for licensure. Proponents of SB Bill 147 assert that the name change will eliminate public confusion between the board and the State Medical Examiner and keep Oregon aligned with other states that have dropped the word 'examiners' and adopted a similar nomenclature.