

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Carter, Gordly, Kruse, Courtney, Monnes Anderson
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	1/31

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED: Provisions of the measure.

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendments.

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 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 name in the form of "STATE Medical Board."