75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2009 Regular Session MEASURE: HB 2056 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY CARRIER: Rep. Harker

House Committee on Health Care

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 10 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Bruun, Cannon, Dembrow, Garrett, Harker, Kennemer, Kotek, Maurer, Thompson, Greenlick

Nays: 0 Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 1/21, 4/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Increases the number of public members on health regulatory boards. Requires the boards to have one fewer public members than professional members. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Optimum number of public members
- Ratio of professionals to public members

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Makes grammatical changes. Changes the number and make up of members on some state boards.

BACKGROUND: Currently, all 17 Oregon health regulatory boards have at least one public member with some boards having as many as 33 percent of the board as public members. Proponents assert that increased public members (participation) on health regulatory boards will increase the consumers' voice and perspective in the boards' policy and decision making process which in turn improve consumer protection.