

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass With Amendments to the A-Engrossed Measure and Be Printed B-Engrossed

Vote: 4 - 1 - 0

Yeas: Bates, Morrisette, Morse, Monnes Anderson

Nays: Kruse

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Meeting Dates: 4/30, 5/12, 5/19, 5/21, 5/26

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Standardizes health profession regulatory board appointment, confirmation, and removal process. Deletes the Department of Human Services from several references. Deletes term “family member” and defines relationship as a spouse, domestic partner, child, parent or sibling. Includes and standardizes the Oregon Mortuary and Cemetery Board member term limits, governor appointment, and geographic and ethnic representation. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Are standardized terms of office for all boards necessary
- Have all boards had the opportunity to comment on board membership terms

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Clarifies further and specifically designates certain boards and their term of office for members, corrects and updates name of boards, and moves board membership provisions previously contained in House Bill 2056-A into the measure.

BACKGROUND: Currently, there is no standardization of Oregon’s health profession regulatory boards’ membership, appointing authority, qualifications, confirmation process, and removal process, term of office, compensation, or size of the board. The 2007-08 House Interim Committee on Health Care received information relating to the following topics:

- Diverse array of regulatory boards in health care leads to piecemeal approach to consumer and public protection
- No central authority;
- Board operations tailored to specific professions;
- Executive directors guide operations of each board and generally are responsible for administrative functions of the board;
- Board members have final authority in final orders and licenses;
- Board members may serve as expert advisors to the board staff;
- The public members are in the minority on each board; and
- The public members rely on licensed Board members for expertise in areas of practice, ethics and professionalism.