

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Komp
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Monroe

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Minimal fiscal impact – no statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure as Amended and Be Printed B-Engrossed

Vote: 17 – 2 – 3

House

Yeas: Buckley, Galizio, Garrard, Gilman, Komp, Kotek, Richardson, Shields, G. Smith

Nays:

Exc: D. Edwards, Jenson, Nathanson

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Carter, Johnson, Monroe, Nelson, Verger, Walker, Winters

Nays: Girod, Whitsett

Exc:

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Meeting Date: June 2, 2009

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires Oregon Health Licensing Agency to investigate complaint against health regulatory board licensee, applicant or other person alleged to be practicing in violation of law; requires that public members of health professional licensing boards review investigatory material and report concerning complaint against licensee. Allows health professional regulatory board to obtain fingerprints for purpose of conducting criminal background checks on licenses seeking license renewal, applicants for license, board employees, volunteers, or applicants for employment. Allows board to release or withhold personal electronic mail address, home address and personal telephone number for person licensed, registered or certified by board. Requires release of information if request for information is made for public health or state health planning purpose. Requires Director of Oregon Health Licensing Agency to prepare periodic reports regarding licensing, monitoring and investigative activities of agency and submit reports to Governor. Standardizes certain provisions for membership and appointment of health professional regulatory boards, appointment of executive directors and reporting and auditing of certain board activities. Changes definitions, examination, education, licensing and record keeping provisions related to certain health regulatory boards.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fiscal impact of the measure
- Proposed amendments

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Increases the number of members of the Board of Pharmacy and requires that all members be residents of the state and are appointed by the Governor. Requires that five are licensed pharmacists, one is a pharmacy technician, and two are members of the public. Sets the term of office for members of the Board at three years but each member serves at the pleasure of the Governor.

BACKGROUND: Currently, there is no standardization of Oregon's health professional regulatory boards' membership, appointing authority, qualifications, confirmation process, and removal process, term of office, compensation, or size of the boards. House Bill 2118 requires that all health professional regulatory boards "shall operate with the primary purpose of promoting quality and protecting the public health, safety and welfare by ensuring the licensees practice with professional skill and safety," and health professionals must report other professionals who may be impaired in the practice of their professions. House Bill 2118 imposes additional standardizations in the make-up of the boards' memberships.