75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2009 Regular Session MEASURE: HB 2118-C STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

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 with Amendments to the B-Eng. Bill, Including Amendments to Resolve Conflicts (Printed C-Eng.)

Vote: 16 - 5 - 1

<u>House</u>

Yeas: Buckley, C. Edwards, D. Edwards, Galizio, Jenson, Kotek, Nathanson, G. Smith

Nays: Garrard, Gilman, Richardson

Exc: Shields

Senate

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

Nays: Girod, Whitsettt

Exc:

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Meeting Date: 6/24

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.

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Resolves conflicts.

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.