

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. D. Edwards
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Johnson

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

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

Vote: 22 – 0 – 0

House

Yeas: Buckley, C. Edwards, D. Edwards, Galizio, Garrard, Gilman, Jenson, Kotek, Nathanson, Richardson, Shields, G. Smith

Nays:

Exc:

Senate

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

Nays:

Exc:

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Meeting Date: June 26, 2009

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Changes name of Board of Radiologic Technology to Board of Medical Imaging. Defines medical imaging modality and other related terms. Creates specific modalities of medical imaging. Revises various provisions relating to medical imaging licensees and limited X-ray machine operator permittees. Establishes requirement that persons applying on or after January 1, 2014 for license to practice medical imaging modality have credential issued by nationally recognized credentialing organization. The bill is effective July 1, 2010.

Expenditure limitation and position authority will be established by the legislature in a supplemental session prior to the effective date of the bill.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- The purpose of the amendment.

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Clarifies that a person may be licensed to practice a medical imaging modality if the person has graduated from an approved school, or has met the examination requirements of a credentialing organization approved by the Board of Radiologic Technology. The Board may permit an applicant to practice medical imaging under the supervision of a licensed physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant.

BACKGROUND: The Board of Radiologic Technology was established in 1977 to ensure the quality of radiation therapy, fluoroscopy, computed tomography (CT) scans, mammography, bone densitometry and other means of medical imaging by assuring the quality of radiologic technology operators. The board licenses diagnostic or therapeutic technologists and diagnostic technicians, administers Limited Permit Examinations to determine initial competence to practice as radiologic technicians, and approves continuing education offerings to ensure continuing competence for both technologists and technicians.

The mission of the Oregon Board of Radiologic Technology is to promote, preserve and protect the public health, safety and welfare of Oregonians when being exposed to ionizing radiation by agency licensees for the purpose of medical diagnosis or radiation therapy.