

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
<b>Vote:</b>	10 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Bruun, Cannon, Dembrow, Garrett, Harker, Kennemer, Kotek, Maurer, Thompson, Greenlick
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	2/11, 4/1, 4/10

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires executive director of Oregon Medical Board (OMB) to issue limited licenses to physicians intending to work in certain rural settings. Requires the OMB executive director issue limited license to physician within 14 days after receiving application. Identifies criteria to qualify for limited licenses. Specifies that the limited license is issued for a period of 90 days, which is renewable if the board has not taken final action on the physician's application for unlimited license. Requires the OMB to report to Legislature on or before January 31, 2011. Repeals limited license language January 1, 2012. Becomes effective 91<sup>st</sup> day sine die.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Recruiting rural physicians
- Limiting language in bill
- Current Oregon Medical Board (OMB) licensing process and timelines
- Oregon's licensing process compared with other states licensing process
- Impact on the Board
- Directive to convene stakeholder workgroup
- Ability to share state-to-state investigation information
- Upcoming OMB endorsement process
- Lowering standards for rural physicians

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Requires that the executive director of OMB issue limited license to physician within 14 days after receiving the application. Outlines physician criteria to qualify for limited licenses. Specifies that the limited license is issued for a period of 90 days, which is renewable if the board has not taken final action on the physician's application for an unlimited license. Requires the OMB to report to the Legislature on or before January 31, 2011. Becomes effective date of 91<sup>st</sup> day after sine die of Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly. Repeals limited licenses language January 1, 2012.

**BACKGROUND:** The Oregon Medical Board has licensed and monitored the professional conduct of Oregon's physicians since 1889. Within the last 25 years, the Board has added other health care professionals to its licensing and monitoring functions. It investigates complaints against its licensees and takes disciplinary action when necessary. Although a state agency, the Board receives no money from the state's General Fund. Most of the Board's funding is generated by the licensing and registration fees paid by licensees.

The Board is also responsible for approving additions or changes to the scope of practice for all levels of emergency medical technicians (EMT), determining the qualifications of EMT supervising physicians, and for nominating the physician members of the Health Division State Emergency Medical Services Committee.

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