

2009 Regular Legislative Session
FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION
Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office

MEASURE NUMBER: HB 2435 **STATUS:** A Engrossed
SUBJECT: Requires the Oregon Medical Board to issue a limited license to physicians within 14 days after receiving an application, and defines the requirements for issuing the license. Requires a report to the Legislature on or before January 31, 2011.
GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED: Oregon Medical Board
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	<u>2009-2011</u>	<u>2011-2013</u>
EXPENDITURES: See Analysis		

EFFECTIVE DATE: The bill takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the regular session of the Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die. Section 2 of the bill repeals the new provisions on January 1, 2012.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANDATE: This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

ANALYSIS: HB 2435 establishes the requirements and timelines for the Oregon Medical Board (Board) to issue limited licenses to physicians who intend to work in rural areas. These requirements and timelines are established as a pilot project, and are repealed on January 1, 2012. The bill also requires the Board to report to the Legislature on or before January 31, 2011.

The Board currently issues limited licenses to physicians. The fiscal impact of the bill relates to the requirement that the license must be issued within 14 days of an application, and the potential for additional contested cases.

The Board estimates that the 14-day timeline will require existing staff to work on these applications first, which will delay other investigations. The Board also estimates that a number of limited license applications will not be approved, which require staff time for investigations, and could result in some additional contested cases. The Board estimates that the cost of each contested case could be approximately \$40,000.

The Board will have a cost of approximately \$20,250 to modify its data base to monitor these limited licenses.