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Meeting Dates:	2/25, 3/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Revises “medical imaging” definition to include medical imaging procedures not related to clinical diagnosis and treatment and defines “nonionizing radiation”. Prohibits person from performing medical imaging procedure on another person unless procedure serves medical purpose and is ordered and interpreted by licensed physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant acting within scope of licensee’s authority. Adds research and education exemption. Allows Board of Medical Imaging to authorize by rule imaging procedures for purposes related to research and education.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Risks of non-medical ultrasounds
- Research and education exemption

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Adds “nonionizing radiation” to the definition of medical imaging modality. Adds research and education exemption.

BACKGROUND: The U.S. Food and Drug Administration warns that the health effects of ultrasound on fetal tissue are not fully understood, and that ultrasound should only be used if required for legitimate medical purposes. The Oregon Board of Medical Imaging (OBMI) has raised concerns relating to commercial photo studios in Oregon that sell expectant parents nonmedical “keepsake” ultrasound movies or photos of fetuses.

The OBMI further notes that some parents who purchase a keepsake ultrasound from an untrained person might forego a diagnostic ultrasound from a trained professional. The OBMI asserts that photos from untrained personnel would likely fail to detect certain types of fetal abnormalities, with potentially dangerous consequences.

House Bill 2104-A expands the definition of medical imaging to include imaging procedures not related to clinical diagnosis and treatment, authorizing OBMI to regulate non-medical keepsake ultrasounds.

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