

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**CARRIER:**

Senate Committee on Health Care

REVENUE: No revenue impact**FISCAL: No fiscal impact****Action:****Vote:****Yeas:****Nays:****Exc.:****Prepared By:** Zena Rockowitz, Administrator**Meeting Dates:** 2/2, 2/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Changes Board of Medical Imaging (Board) twelve-member composition. Specifies one must be licensed physician who is radiologist and in “good standing”. Three must be licensed physicians in “good standing”. Five must be “actively engaged” medical imaging licensees. Requires that if the Board cannot fill physician spots, the Governor may appoint any combination of the following: a chiropractic physician certified by the American Chiropractic Board of Radiology, an actively engaged medical imaging licensee, a limited X-ray machine operator, and a member of the public. Defines “actively engaged” as practicing medical imaging, supervising or providing administrative services for medical imaging licensees or students, teaching a medical imaging program, or having retired from medical imaging for no more than 60 months in good standing. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Over past few years three of four physician slots have been vacant and this can make it difficult to have quorum
- Board has advertised on agency website, newsletter, and contacted Oregon Medical Board and Oregon Medical Association to fill slots.
- Balance of physicians to other members

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: -5 Amendment: Clarifies that licensed physicians must be in good standing. Clarifies that medical imaging licensees must be actively engaged. Defines actively engaged. Requires that if Board cannot fill physician spots the Governor may appoint any combination of the following: a chiropractic physician certified by the American Chiropractic Board of Radiology, an actively engaged medical imaging licensee, a limited X-ray machine operator, and a member of the public.

BACKGROUND: Medical imaging is the use of specialized equipment such as medical sonography and radiation therapy for the production of visual representations of human anatomy, tissues or organs. The Oregon Board of Medical Imaging (Board) oversees the licensure and regulation of medical imaging practitioners and limited x-ray machine operators who work under the supervision of a physician. The current Board consists of four licensed physicians of which one must be radiologist and one must be licensed medical imaging specialist, five medical imaging licensees, and three members of the public. The Board reports difficulty over the last three years in filling vacancies.