

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Health Care

MEASURE: HB 2880 A
CARRIER: Rep. Nosse

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 03/23/15

Action: Do Pass As Amended And Be Printed Engrossed.

Meeting Dates: 03/09, 03/23

Vote:

Yeas: 9 - Buehler, Clem, Greenlick, Hayden, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Nosse, Weidner

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Specifies that a physician assistant (PA) may not practice fluoroscopy on a person unless the PA holds a certificate issued by the Board of Medical Imaging. Requires the PA to complete 80 hours of didactic and clinical training and pass the examination for certification. Modifies the supervising physician requirements. Directs the Board of Medical Imaging to issue the certificate. Becomes operative January 1, 2016. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Educational and training requirements
- Description of fluoroscopy
- Current barriers and treatment delays
- Patient safety concerns
- Proposed amendments

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Changes the operative date to January 1, 2016. Modifies the supervising physician requirement to be “in the building.” Modifies the definition of “fluoroscopy” to align with the federal definition.

BACKGROUND:

Fluoroscopy is a type of imaging that uses ionizing radiation to produce images of internal structures and medical imaging that shows a continuous X-ray image on a monitor. Currently, there are thirty-two states that allow physician assistants (PAs) to perform fluoroscopy, of which 12 require the nationally recognized curriculum, exam and certification.

House Bill 2880-A requires PAs to complete the education and clinical training requirements, pass the exam and obtain a certificate from the Oregon Board of Medical Imaging prior to performing fluoroscopic examinations.