

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 04/27/15

Action: Do Pass The A-Eng Bill.

Meeting Dates: 04/27

Vote:

Yeas: 4 - Kruse, Monnes Anderson, Shields, Steiner Hayward

Exc: 1 - Knopp

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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:

- Oregon joining 12 other states with rigorous standards
- Improving patient safety with regard to radiation exposure
- Decreasing delays in patient care
- Radiology assistants versus physician assistant knowledge and expertise
- Education, training and examination requirements

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

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 32 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.