

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 05/13/15

Action: Do Pass As Amended And Be Printed Engrossed.

Meeting Dates: 04/29, 05/13

Vote:

Yeas: 8 - Buehler, Clem, Greenlick, Hayden, Kennemer, Lively, Nosse, Weidner

Exc: 1 - Keny-Guyer

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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.” Specifies three must be licensed physicians in “good standing” and 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. Allows Governor to appoint retired physician to the Board if he/she has not been retired for more than six years; they are registered with the Oregon Medical Board (OMB) as retired emeritus physician; or who has notified the OMB of retirement and is in good standing. Defines “actively engaged.” Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need for Board member flexibility
- Need for “actively engaged” clarification
- Ongoing issue with filling vacancies
- Proposed amendment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Allows Governor to appoint retired physician to the Board if he/she has not been retired for more than six years; who is registered with the Oregon Medical Board (OMB) as retired emeritus physician; or who has notified the OMB of retirement and is in good standing.

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 12 members: four licensed physicians--one of which must be a radiologist and one must be a licensed medical imaging specialist--five medical imaging licensees, and three members of the public. The Board reports having difficulty filling vacancies.