

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 06/01/15

Action: Do Pass As Amended And Be Printed Engrossed.

Meeting Dates: 05/27, 06/01

Vote:

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

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Permits the Oregon Medical Board (OMB) to issue a limited license to practice medicine to physicians who are licensed in another state or country and who hold a full-time professor appointment at a school of medicine in Oregon. Specifies that OMB can only issue eight licenses in a four-year period. Operative date is January 1, 2016. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Licensed physicians from other country, but have not taken the Unites States Medical Licensing exam
- Ability for medical schools to recruit skilled faculty members
- Role of Oregon Medical Board
- Proposed amendment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Specifies additional criteria to be used by OMB in issuing a limited license. Specifies that OMB can only issue eight licenses in a four-year period.

BACKGROUND:

Currently, the Oregon Medical Board does not have the ability to evaluate the capacity of credentialed medical practitioners to be faculty members when they have gone abroad for medical school. In Oregon, physicians are required to take the United States Medical Licensing exam, typically during and after graduating from medical school. There is no limited faculty license to allow those who have not taken the test, but have other qualifications, to be able to work as a faculty member.