

HB 2267 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Exempts ophthalmic sonographers from requirement to obtain imaging license from the Oregon Board of Medical Imaging (OMBI). Limits fines assessed by OMBI for violations that have not resulted in harm to the public and specifies that such violations are exempt from the disciplinary reporting and posting requirement. Authorizes the Oregon Board of Medical Imaging to issue limited or temporary permit for qualified bone densitometry applicants. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

REVENUE: No revenue impact.

FISCAL: Minimal expenditure impact.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Complaint process for ophthalmic sonographers and accountability.
- Concerns with the International Society for Clinical Densitometry (ISCD), certification by ISCD, and lack of available clinical training in Oregon.

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Ophthalmic sonography has been used for over a half century, and is a noninvasive imaging technique used for evaluating the structures of the eyes and the surrounding tissues. Bone densitometry is also noninvasive medical test used to measure bone density, or mass. Both tests are widely used among health care professionals in Oregon.

The Oregon Board of Medical Imaging (OMBI) was established in 1977 to ensure the quality of diagnostic radiography, radiation therapy, diagnostic medical sonography, nuclear medicine technology and magnetic resonance imaging. OMBI administers limited scope examinations to determine initial competence to practice for limited x-ray machine operators and approves continuing education to assure continuing competence for technologists, therapists, sonographers and limited x-ray machine operators.