

**HB 2267 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Rep. Buehler

**House Committee On Health Care**

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**Action Date:** 02/01/17

**Action:** Do Pass.

**Vote:** 9-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 9 - Alonso Leon, Buehler, Greenlick, Hack, Hayden, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Malstrom, Nosse

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Exempts ophthalmic sonographers from requirement to obtain imaging license. Limits fines assessed by the Oregon Board of Medical Imaging (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 requirements. Authorizes OMBI to adopt rules to issue limited or temporary permit for qualified bone densitometry applicants. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Rationale for exempting ophthalmic sonographers
- Current civil penalty issues for violations that do not create risk of harm to the public
- Need for authority to issue temporary licenses or limited permits for bone densitometry individuals

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

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.