



MEMORANDUM

To: Sen. Laurie Monnes Anderson, Chair
Sen. Dennis Linthicum, Vice-Chair
Members of the Senate Health Care Committee

From: Courtni Dresser

Date: January 23, 2019

Re: Support for SB 60 and SB 61

The Oregon Medical Association is in support of Senate Bills 60 and 61 as proposed by the Oregon Medical Board.

Senate Bill 60 is an administrative streamlining bill to change the annual registration requirement for volunteer healthcare professionals who claim liability limitations to a biennial registration. This change would align with providers renewal of their medical license.

Many physicians and physician assistants provide care without compensation in varying settings, like mobile healthcare clinics. The Oregon Medical Board program allows the provider to claim limited liability when providing care with no compensation, as long as the patient is aware and signs a consent form.

The Oregon Medical Association supports SB 60.

Senate Bill 61 increases the number of public members on the Oregon Medical Board from two to three and consolidates the qualifications for public membership into one provision of statute.

Public members serve an important role as representatives of the public on the Oregon Medical Board. With the current board composition, public members make up 15% of the board membership. SB 61 increases the number of public members on the Oregon Medical Board to three, bringing the percentage to 21% public members, which aligns the Oregon Medical Board with the other health professional licensing boards.

The Oregon Medical Association supports SB 61.

The Oregon Medical Association serves and supports over 8,000 physicians, physician assistants and student members in their efforts to improve the health of all Oregonians. Additional information can be found at www.theOMA.org.