

SB 63 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Board of Medical Imaging to adopt rules related to temporary limited X-ray machine operator permits for applicants completing clinical education requirements. Declares emergency effective on passage.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Board of Medical Imaging (OBMI) was established in 1977 to ensure the quality of diagnostic radiography, radiation therapy, diagnostic medical sonography, nuclear medicine technology and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). Some of these medical imaging services include fluoroscopy, computed tomography (CT scans), mammography, bone densitometry; cardiac, vascular, echocardiography, obstetrics & gynecology, phlebology ultrasound; cardiographic, cardiac electrophysiology, and cardiovascular angiography; positron emission tomography (PET), nuclear cardiology; single photon emission computed tomography (SPECT) brachytherapy; and MRI scans. The OBMI assures the quality of medical imaging services through its high ethically and competency licensing standards for its radiologic technologists, radiation therapists, sonographers, nuclear medicine technologists and MRI technologists. The OBMI administers limited scope examinations to determine initial competence to practice for limited x-ray machine operators (LXMO) and approves continuing education offerings to assure continuing competence for technologists, therapists, sonographers and limited x-ray machine operators.

Senate Bill 63 removes the current statutory specifications for issuance of temporary permits of the purpose of completing clinical education requirements and instead directs the Oregon Board of Medical Imaging to adopt rules related to the issuance of temporary permits.