



## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Rep. Andrea Salinas, Chair  
Rep. Rob Nosse, Vice-Chair  
Rep. Cedric Hayden, Vice-Chair  
Members of the House Health Care Committee

From: Courtni Dresser

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Re: Support for SB 61

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

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](http://www.theOMA.org).**