SB 128 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Oregon Board of Medical Imaging (OBMI) to issue permit to supervise fluoroscopy to qualified advanced practice registered nurse (APRN). Defines "supervise fluoroscopy." Establishes permit issuance and renewal qualifications. Authorizes OBMI, the Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN), and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to adopt rules. Requires rules to establish a waiver process through which an advanced practice registered nurse can submit documentation demonstrating sufficient experience or education to exempt nurse from clinical or educational requirements adopted by OBMI. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Overuse and over exposure to radiation through flouroscopy
- Training and education requirements of radiologic technologists
- Didactic education and supervised clinical training requirements to allow qualified advanced practice nurses to supervise fluoroscopy

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Fluoroscopy is a study of moving body structures that shows a continuous X-ray image on a monitor, like an X-ray imovie." In 2015, the Legislative Assembly passed House Bill 2880 which directed the Oregon Board of Medical Imaging (OBMI) to issue certificates to practice fluoroscopy to qualified physician assistants (PAs). The ability of PAs to practice fluoroscopy currently requires a practice agreement between the PA and a supervising physician.

Senate Bill 128-A directs the Oregon Board of Medical Imaging to issue permits to supervise fluoroscopy to qualified advanced practice registered nurses.