

SB 62 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Beyer

Senate Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 03/27/19
Action: Do pass.
Vote: 3-0-2-0
Yeas: 3 - Beyer, Linthicum, Monnes Anderson
Exc: 2 - Fagan, Knopp
Fiscal: No fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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Meeting Dates: 3/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Prohibits persons from employing individual who employer knows, or with the exercise of reasonable care should know, is not licensed or permitted to practice a medical imaging modality. Prohibits making a false statement on an application for a license or permit to practice a medical imaging modality if the applicant knows, or with the exercise of reasonable care should know, statement is false.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current legal loophole potentially allowing avoidance of responsibility based on claim of ignorance

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Board of Medical Imaging (OBMI), established in 1977, ensures the quality of diagnostic radiography, radiation therapy, diagnostic medical sonography, nuclear medicine technology, and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). The OBMI assures the quality of medical imaging services through its competency licensing standards for 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 and approves continuing education offerings for technologists, therapists, sonographers, and limited X-ray machine operators.

Senate Bill 62 prohibits false statements and misrepresentations in the employment or application for practice in medical imaging modalities.