

SB 63 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:

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.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Standard of setting licensure periods in rule rather than statute

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 63 removes the current statutory specifications for issuance of temporary limited X-ray machine operator permits and, instead, directs the Oregon Board of Medical Imaging to adopt rules related to the issuance of temporary limited permits.