

**SB 61 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Rep. Noble

**House Committee On Health Care**

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**Action Date:** 05/02/19

**Action:** Do Pass.

**Vote:** 11-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 11 - Alonso Leon, Boles, Drazan, Greenlick, Hayden, Keny-Guyer, Mitchell, Noble, Nosse, Prusak, Salinas

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/18, 5/2

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Increases membership of the Oregon Medical Board (OMB) by one public member representing health care consumers. Declares emergency, effective on passage

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Additional public representation on the board; membership alignment with other professional licensure boards in Oregon
- Definition of public representation
- Complaints, disciplinary actions, and ability for public members to participate in board meetings, including investigative committee
- Board workload
- Public members ineligible for remuneration; voluntary positions
- Inability for members to participate in board meetings remotely via video or teleconference
- Geographic composition of board membership

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The mission of the Oregon Medical Board (OMB) is to protect the health, safety, and wellbeing of patients by regulating the practice of medicine in a manner that promotes access to quality care. The OMB licenses medical doctors, doctors of osteopathic medicine, doctors of podiatric medicine, physician assistants, and acupuncturists. Currently, the OMB consists of 13 members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate, who oversee nearly 20,000 health care professionals.

Senate Bill 61 increases public representation on the OMB from two to three members.