

HB 2113 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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Meeting Dates: 4/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Expands the geographic diversity requirements to all 14 members of the Oregon Medical Board. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

House Vote: Passed. yes, 47; Nays, 1--Witt; Excused, 12--Alonso Leon, Bonham, Clem, Dexter, Hayden, Leif, Levy, Nearman, Ruiz, Smith G, Wallan, Zika.

FISCAL: No fiscal impact.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Medical Board's (Board) mission is to protect the health, safety, and well-being of Oregonians by regulating the practice of medicine. The Board licenses medical doctors, doctors of osteopathic medicine and podiatric medicine, physician assistants, and acupuncturists. According to Oregon Health Authority's (OHA) Health Care Workforce Reporting Program, in 2020, there were approximately 17,000 licensed medical doctors and 2,200 licensed physician assistants.

Each Board member is appointed by the Governor, confirmed by the Oregon Senate, and selected for a three-year term, with the opportunity to participate in a second term, for a total of six years. All persons appointed must be residents of Oregon. Ten members are physicians (seven Doctors of Medicine (MDs), two Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine (DOs), and one Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM). In 2016, the Board added a Physician Assistant (PA) member. In 2019, Senate Bill 61 added a third public member to the Board, bringing the public member representation in line with other health care professional boards. Currently, of the seven MD members, at least one member must be appointed from each federal congressional district.

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