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Measure Description:

Adds two members who are physician assistants or retired physician assistants to membership of Oregon Medical Board.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Medical Board (OMB)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

Analysis:

SB 705 - A increases the Oregon Medical Board from 14 to 17 board members. This includes two additional board members who represent physician assistants or retired physician assistants; and one new board member who represents health consumers. This is operative January 1, 2022.

The Oregon Medical Board (OMB) notes that staff are at capacity for board support activities, and the addition of three Board members would require a new Board support position. Existing staff would not be able to provide additional Board support and maintain existing services. Further analysis is needed to determine what level of staffing is appropriate given existing staff workloads and the additional duties that will be required with the expansion of the Board.

OMB does have known Services and Supplies costs of \$56,364 Other Funds in 2021-23 and \$28,849 Other Funds in 2023-25 related to costs of increasing the size of the Board, such as travel reimbursements and laptops for new Board members.

This measure warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of its budgetary impact.