

## **HB 2627 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care**

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/8

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Adds two members who are physician assistants or retired physician assistants to membership of Oregon Medical Board. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

*FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.*

*REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.*

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

##### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

##### **BACKGROUND:**

The mission of the Oregon Medical Board (OMB) is to protect the health, safety, and well-being of Oregonians by regulating the practice of medicine. The OMB 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 2021, there were approximately 18,200 licensed medical doctors and 2,400 licensed physician assistants.

The OMB is comprised of 14 members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Oregon Senate. Ten members are physicians (seven Doctors of Medicine (MDs), two Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine (DOs), and one Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM). In 2015, Senate Bill 905 added a Physician Assistant (PA) as a member of the OMB. In 2019, Senate Bill 61 added a third public member, bringing the public member representation in line with other health care professional boards.

House Bill 2627 would add two additional physician assistant members to the Oregon Medical Board.