

SB 62 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Prohibits persons from employing individual who employer knows, or with the exercise of reasonable care should know, is not licensed or permitted to practice medical imaging modality. Prohibits making a false statement on an application for a license or permit to practice medical imaging modality if the applicant know, or with the exercise of reasonable care should know, statement is false.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Board of Medical Imaging (OBMI) was established in 1977 to ensure the quality of diagnostic radiography, radiation therapy, diagnostic medical sonography, nuclear medicine technology and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). Some of these medical imaging services include fluoroscopy, computed tomography (CT scans), mammography, bone densitometry; cardiac, vascular, echocardiography, obstetrics & gynecology, phlebology ultrasound; cardiographic, cardiac electrophysiology, and cardiovascular angiography; positron emission tomography (PET), nuclear cardiology; single photon emission computed tomography (SPECT) brachytherapy; and MRI scans. The OBMI assures the quality of medical imaging services through its high ethically and competency licensing standards for its 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 (LXMO) and approves continuing education offerings to assure continuing competence for technologists, therapists, sonographers and limited x-ray machine operators.

Senate Bill 62 prohibits false statements and misrepresentations in the employment or application for practice in medical imaging modalities.