

SB 63 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

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Meeting Dates: 4/23, 4/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Board of Medical Imaging to adopt rules related to temporary limited X-ray machine operator permits for applicants completing clinical education requirements. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

REVENUE: No revenue impact.

FISCAL: No fiscal impact.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Duration of temporary permits for X-ray machine operators
- Changing permit duration in rule rather than in statute
- Clarification bill is limited to temporary permits issued by the Board of Medical imaging

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Board of Medical Imaging (OBMI), established in 1977, ensures the quality of diagnostic radiography, radiation therapy, diagnostic medical sonography, nuclear medicine technology, and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). The OBMI assures the quality of medical imaging services through its competency licensing standards for 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 and approves continuing education offerings for technologists, therapists, sonographers, and limited X-ray machine operators.

Senate Bill 63 removes the current statutory specifications for issuance of temporary limited X-ray machine operator permits and, instead, directs the Oregon Board of Medical Imaging to adopt rules related to the issuance of temporary limited permits.

1st Chamber vote (Senate): Ayes, 23, Nays, 5.