

## SB 61 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Health Care

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/18, 5/2

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

Increases membership of the Oregon Medical Board (OMB) by one public member who represents health care consumers. Declares emergency, effective on passage

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Additional public representation on the board; membership alignment with other professional licensure boards in Oregon
- Definition of public representation
- Complaints, disciplinary actions, and ability for public members to participate in board meetings, including investigative committee
- Board workload
- Public members ineligible for remuneration; voluntary positions
- Ability for members to participate in board meetings, remotely (e.g., video or teleconference)
- Geographic composition of the board membership

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

No amendment.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The mission of the Oregon Medical Board (OMB) is to protect the health, safety, and wellbeing of Oregon citizens by regulating the practice of medicine in a manner that promotes access to quality care. The OMB licenses Medical Doctors (MDs), Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine (DOs), Doctors of Podiatric Medicine (DPMs), Physician Assistants (PAs), and Acupuncturists (LAc). Currently, OMB oversees nearly 20,000 professionals, including medical and osteopathic physicians, podiatric physicians, physician assistants and acupuncturists. The Board consists of 13-members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate (ORS 677.235).

Senate Bill 61 increases public member representation on the OMB from two to three.

*1st Chamber vote (Senate): Ayes, 27, Nays, 2.*