

**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS**

**AMENDMENT DATE:** Original  
**POSITION:** Neutral

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 620  
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**BILL SUMMARY: Healing Arts: Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons**

This bill would require a licensed osteopathic physician and surgeon to report his or her specialty board certifications and practice status at the time of license renewal. Additionally, the Osteopathic Medical Board of California (Board) is required to request during license renewal and a licensed osteopathic physician and surgeon may report his or her cultural background and foreign language proficiency. Information collected may be posted on the Board's internet website

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

The Department of Consumer Affairs indicates that any costs to the Board would be minor and absorbable.

**COMMENTS**

Existing law establishes the Osteopathic Medical Board of California (Board) to license, regulate and discipline osteopathic physicians and surgeons. Existing law specifies that physicians and surgeons licensed by the Medical Board of California (MBC) and osteopathic physicians and surgeons licensed by the Board have equal professional status and privileges

This bill would require a licensed osteopathic physician and surgeon to report specified information at the time of license renewal, require the Board to request and allow the licensee to provide information on cultural background and foreign language proficiency, and allow information collected to be posted on the Board's website. These same reporting requirements and allowances are already in statute for licensed physicians and surgeons at the time of license renewal with the MBC and by dentists to the Dental Board of California at the time of license renewal.

This bill is intended to provide increased data regarding physician supply in California by area, to identify underserved areas and to assist in recruitment and retention.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)							Fund Code
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	(Dollars in Thousands)							
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<u>Fund Code</u>	<u>Title</u>							
0264	Osteopathic Medical Bd of Calif Contn Fd							

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