

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference
Vote:	.5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Carter, Gordly, Kruse, Courtney, Monnes Anderson
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/2, 4/25, 4/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Declares a nursing workforce and nursing faculty shortage. Includes increasing nursing workforce and nursing faculty as a goal of Nursing Shortage Coalition Committee. Authorizes committee to make grants for training and retaining nursing faculty members. Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Nursing Shortage Grant Fund. Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Nursing Services Program. Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Portland State University for Oregon Center for Nursing. Declares emergency; takes effect July 1, 2007.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need for nursing faculty
- Governor's support for health care workforce
- Make-up of Oregon Nursing Shortage Coalition Committee

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Adds nursing faculty to shortage. Clarifies the make-up and responsibilities of the Nursing Shortage Coalition Committee.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Employment Department projects a need for 59,000 healthcare workers between 2004 and 2014. More than half of these openings are due to growth, the remainder to replace current workers. The industry believes these numbers may be understated due to increasing use of services that will occur with an aging population. Oregon has the fourth oldest population in the country.