

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

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Meeting Dates: 4/17, 4/23, 4/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires in-home care agency to maintain administrative and professional oversight. Increases fee for initial licensure of in-home care agency and sets fee for renewal of license. Requires Department of Human Services (DHS) to inspect in-home care agency prior to services being rendered. Establishes violation of in-home care agency licensing requirements. Authorizes DHS to commence action to enjoin violation and recover attorney fees.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- False advertising of some in-home care agencies
- Fee structure allows DHS to review applications, conduct inspections

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND: The Health Care Licensure and Certification (HCLC) program of the Department of Human Services ensures that Oregonians have access to high quality and safe health care. This is accomplished through State licensure and federal Medicare certification of health facilities, providers and suppliers. The HCLC regulates over 400 health care facilities, providers and suppliers in acute care and community-based programs. These include hospitals, home health agencies, ambulatory surgical centers, rural health clinics, special inpatient care facilities, end-stage renal disease dialysis facilities, birthing centers, hospices, rehabilitation agencies and clinics, comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation facilities, community mental health centers, hemodialysis technicians and portable x-ray suppliers.