

# Senate Bill 457

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS (at the request of Oregon Health Fund Board)

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires specified healthcare workforce regulatory boards to collect information from licensees and report information to Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research for creation of healthcare workforce database. Authorizes healthcare workforce regulatory boards to establish fees to reimburse boards for cost of data collection and reporting.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to healthcare workforce data collection; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research shall create and**  
5 **maintain a healthcare workforce database that will provide information upon request to state**  
6 **agencies and to the Legislative Assembly about Oregon's healthcare workforce, including:**

7 (a) **Demographics.**

8 (b) **Physician practice status.**

9 (c) **Education and training background.**

10 (d) **Generational changes.**

11 (e) **Population growth.**

12 (f) **Economic indicators.**

13 (g) **Incentives to attract qualified individuals to healthcare education.**

14 (2) **The Administrator for the Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research may contract**  
15 **with a private or public entity to establish and maintain the database and to analyze the**  
16 **data. The office is not subject to the requirements of ORS chapters 279A, 279B and 279C with**  
17 **respect to the contract.**

18 **SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, "healthcare workforce regulatory board" means**  
19 **the:**

20 (a) **Occupational Therapy Licensing Board;**

21 (b) **Oregon Medical Board;**

22 (c) **Oregon State Board of Nursing;**

23 (d) **Oregon Board of Dentistry;**

24 (e) **Physical Therapist Licensing Board;**

25 (f) **State Board of Pharmacy; and**

26 (g) **Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians.**

27 (2)(a) **An applicant for a license from a healthcare workforce regulatory board or renewal**  
28 **of a license by a healthcare workforce regulatory board shall provide the information pre-**  
29 **scribed by the Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research pursuant to subsection (3) of**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 this section.

2 (b) Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section, a healthcare workforce regulatory  
3 board may not approve a subsequent application for a license or renewal of a license until  
4 the applicant provides the information.

5 (3) The Administrator for the Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research shall pre-  
6 scribe by rule the information that must be provided to a healthcare workforce regulatory  
7 board under subsection (2) of this section, which may include:

8 (a) Personal information.

9 (b) Education information.

10 (c) License information.

11 (d) Employment information.

12 (e) Primary and secondary practice information.

13 (f) Anticipated changes in the practice.

14 (4) The Administrator of the Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research shall prescribe  
15 by rule the manner, form and content for healthcare workforce regulatory board reporting  
16 of the healthcare workforce information collected under subsection (2) of this section.

17 (5)(a) A healthcare workforce regulatory board shall report healthcare workforce infor-  
18 mation collected under subsection (2) of this section to the Office for Oregon Health Policy  
19 and Research.

20 (b) Subject to subsections (3) and (4) of this section, a healthcare workforce regulatory  
21 board may prescribe by rule types of information that will not be reported to the Office for  
22 Oregon Health Policy and Research and may proscribe the use or disclosure of the informa-  
23 tion reported. All personally identifiable information collected by a healthcare workforce  
24 regulatory board is exempt from disclosure under ORS 192.410 to 192.505.

25 (6) The requirements of subsection (2) of this section apply to an applicant for issuance  
26 or renewal of a license who is or who is applying to become:

27 (a) An occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant as defined in ORS 675.210;

28 (b) A physician as defined in ORS 677.010;

29 (c) A physician assistant as defined in ORS 677.495;

30 (d) A nurse licensed under ORS 678.010 to 678.410;

31 (e) A dentist or dental hygienist as defined in ORS 679.010;

32 (f) A physical therapist or physical therapist assistant as defined in ORS 688.010;

33 (g) A pharmacist or pharmacy technician as defined in ORS 689.005; or

34 (h) A licensed dietitian, as defined in ORS 691.405.

35 (7) A healthcare workforce regulatory board may adopt rules as necessary to perform the  
36 board's duties under this section.

37 (8) In addition to licensing fees that may be imposed by a healthcare workforce regula-  
38 tory board, the board may establish fees to be paid by applicants for issuance or renewal of  
39 licenses reasonably calculated to reimburse the actual cost of obtaining or reporting infor-  
40 mation as required by subsection (2) of this section.

41 **SECTION 3.** Sections 1 and 2 of this 2009 Act become operative on January 1, 2010.

42 **SECTION 4.** A healthcare workforce regulatory board, as defined in section 2 of this 2009  
43 Act, and the Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research may take any action prior to the  
44 operative date specified in section 3 of this 2009 Act that is necessary to enable a board or  
45 the office to exercise, on and after the operative date specified in section 3 of this 2009 Act,

1 all the duties, functions and powers conferred on a board and the office by sections 1 and 2  
2 of this 2009 Act.

3 **SECTION 5.** Section 2 of this 2009 Act applies to an application for a license or license  
4 renewal filed on or after the operative date specified in section 3 of this 2009 Act.

5 **SECTION 6.** This 2009 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
6 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2009 Act takes effect  
7 on its passage.

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