

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 5 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Bates, Kruse, Morse, Shields, Monnes Anderson
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: *Subcommittee: 2/3, 2/10, Full: 3/2*

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Expands the list of health professional regulatory boards that are subject to health care workforce data reporting to the Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research (OHPR). Adds the Director of the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to the Administrator of OHPR as persons responsible for collaborating on rules for health care workforce data reporting. Adds timing to the list of rules that the Administrator of OHPR and the Director of OHA shall collaborate on. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Rulemaking authority of OHA and boards
- Anticipated fiscal impact on OHA and boards
- Categories of data to be collected
- Feedback from boards
- Use and calculation of fees paid to OHA

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: During the 2009 session, the legislature passed HB 2009 which, in part, created the obligation for seven health care workforce regulatory boards to report data collected from licensee applicants to OHPR. SB 96 expands the list of health care regulatory boards subject to this reporting requirement to include all health professional regulatory boards as defined in ORS 676.160, with the exception of the State Mortuary and Cemetery Board and the Oregon State Veterinary Medical Examining Board. Data elements collected in the reporting include provider demographics, training background, practice location and specialty, employment status, and future practice plans.

The Oregon Health Care Workforce Committee (Committee), also established by HB 2009, is charged with coordinating efforts to recruit and educate health care professionals and retain a quality workforce to meet the demand created by the expansion in health care coverage, system transformation and an increasingly diverse population. The Committee indicates that expansion of reporting is necessary to gain a more complete picture of Oregon's health care workforce in order to design and evaluate workforce development strategies, including efforts to increase the diversity of the workforce.