76th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2011 Regular Session

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee on Health Care

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass and Be Placed on the Consent Calendar

Vote: 8 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Cannon, Doherty, Hoyle, Kennemer, Parrish, Weidner, Greenlick, Thompson

MEASURE: SB 879

CARRIER: CONSENT

Nays: 0 Exc.: 0

Prepared By: Sandy Thiele-Cirka, Administrator

Meeting Dates: 5/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs Oregon Health Authority (OHA), in collaboration with Oregon Workforce Investment Board (OWIB) to convene work group to develop standards for administrative requirements for student placement in clinical training settings in Oregon and report to interim legislative committee on or before June 30, 2012. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Importance for students to fulfill clinical requirements
- Oregon Health Policy Board's recommendation
- Improves efficiency and reduces administrative burden
- Review of administrative requirements
- Potential benefits to rural hospitals and workforce

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Clinical training requirements are a mandatory component of health care professional education. In Oregon, these requirements are governed by contractual arrangements between the educational institution and the health care training site. As students move between training sites, they may have to repeat certain administrative tasks, including drug screens, immunizations, criminal records checks and Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act orientation. This can increase the time and money students have to spend satisfying administrative requirements before entering the clinical training setting.

SB 879 requires Oregon Health Authority (OHA), to collaborate with the Oregon Workforce Investment Board (OWIB), the Governor's advisory board on workforce matters, to convene a work group to develop standards for some of the administrative requirements for clinical training. These standards would minimally apply to students of nursing and allied health profession training in the hospital and ambulatory surgical settings.