

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no 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: 3/23, 3/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), in collaboration with the State Workforce Investment Board (OWIB), to convene a work group to develop standards for administrative requirements for student placement in clinical training settings in Oregon. Requires the work group to develop standards for: (a) drug screening; (b) immunizations; (c) criminal records checks; (d) Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) orientation; and, (e) other standards as the work group deems necessary. Requires the standards to apply to students of nursing and allied health professions. Requires standards to at least pertain to training in hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers. Requires work group to make recommendations on standards and the implementation to OHA. Allows OHA to establish the standards by rule. Requires OHA to report on the progress of the work group to an interim legislative committee on or before June 30, 2012. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current burden on students, facilities and schools
- Inefficiencies in current system
- Potential added benefit to rural hospitals

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 HIPAA orientation. This can increase the time and money students have to spend satisfying administrative requirements before entering the clinical training setting.

SB 879 would require OHA to collaborate with the OWIB, the advisory board to the governor 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.