

House Bill 2366

Sponsored by Representative NATHANSON; Representatives BARKER, DEMBROW, DOHERTY, GELSER, HOYLE, THOMPSON (Pre-session filed.)

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**.

Directs Oregon Health Authority to develop programs to recruit medical school students, primary care residents and primary care physicians to Oregon.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to recruitment of primary care physicians; and declaring an emergency.

Whereas Oregon's population is growing faster than the number of licensed, active and practicing physicians in Oregon; and

Whereas physician retirement is outpacing replacement; and

Whereas there is an acute shortage of primary care providers, particularly in rural communities; and

Whereas stabilizing and increasing Oregon's health care workforce is a top priority for the Oregon Health Authority and the Oregon Health Policy Board; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall develop one or more programs designed to recruit medical school students, primary care residents and primary care physicians to Oregon.

(2) The authority shall work with physician organizations, hospitals, county and city officials, local chambers of commerce, organizations that promote Oregon or local communities in Oregon and organizations that recruit health care professionals to develop:

(a) Materials and information promoting Oregon as a desirable place for primary care physicians to live and work; and

(b) A pilot program to promote coordinated visiting and recruitment opportunities for medical students, primary care residents and primary care physicians.

SECTION 2. This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect on its passage.

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.