

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
Vote:	7 - 0 - 2
Yeas:	Clem, Harker, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Thompson, Greenlick
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Conger, Weidner
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Meeting Dates:	2/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Changes name of Oregon Health Licensing Agency (OHLA) to Health Licensing Office and name of Oregon Health Licensing Agency Account to Health Licensing Office Account. Creates Health Licensing Office within Oregon Health Authority (OHA). Grants appointment authority of Director of Health Licensing Office to Director of OHA. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- OHLA is currently an independent agency
- Proponents assert that combining other health agencies into OHA streamlines delivery of health services and uses funding efficiently
- Both OHA and OHLA have health licensing responsibilities
- Subsequent referral to Ways and Means is necessary to review current funding levels

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Health Licensing Agency (OHLA) was created in 1999 to provide coordinated administrative and regulatory functions for certain health boards, councils and programs involved in protecting the public through licensing and regulation of health-related professions and occupations. OHLA currently functions as an independent state agency. The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) was created in 2009 and tasked with containing costs, improving quality and increasing access to health care in order to improve the lifelong health of Oregonians.

House Bill 2074 renames OHLA as the Health Licensing Office and places the office within OHA.