

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass with Amendments to the B-Engrossed Measure. (Printed C-Engrossed)

Vote: 4 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Knopp, Shields, Steiner Hayward, Monnes Anderson

Nays: 0

Exc.: Kruse

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Meeting Dates: 5/6, 5/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Consolidates provisions relating to Oregon Health Licensing Agency's (OHLA's) authority over certificates, permits, licenses and registrations, and fees collected for such documents. Modifies provisions relating to OHLA-administered boards and councils. Becomes operative on January 1, 2014. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- OHLA's structure and organization
- Need for consolidation of oversight
- Importance of standardization and uniformity
- No fee increases attached to the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Conflict amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Health Licensing Agency (OHLA) was created in 1999 to provide coordinated administrative and regulatory functions for specified health boards, councils and programs involved in protecting the public through licensing and regulation of health-related professions and occupations. OHLA currently regulates 21 different health and related professions.

House Bill 2101-C streamlines OHLA's program standards, regulations and requirements. Additionally, the bill establishes uniformity in licensing cycles, fees, continuing education and administration within OHLA's authority.