

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Greenlick
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Steiner Hayward

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and as Printed A-Engrossed

Vote: 26 – 0 – 0

House

Yeas: Barker, Buckley, Frederick, Freeman, Hanna, Huffman, Jenson, Komp, McLane, Nathanson, Read, Richardson, Smith, Tomei, Williamson

Nays:

Exc:

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Devlin, Edwards, Girod, Hansell, Johnson, Monroe, Steiner Hayward, Thomsen, Whitsett, Winters

Nays:

Exc:

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Meeting Date: June 14, 2013

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: HB 2074 changes the name of the Oregon Health Licensing Agency (OHLA) to the Health Licensing Office, changes the name of the Oregon Health Licensing Agency Account to Health Licensing Office Account, and moves the agency within the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). The responsibility of appointing the director of this health licensing entity transfers from the Department of Administrative Services to OHA. Certain sections of the bill become operative on January 1, 2014. The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fiscal impact
- Rational for moving OHLA to OHA

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Conflict amendment in the event that HB 2101 becomes law. The amendment also changes the operative date of the bill from January 1 to July 1, 2014.

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.