

SB 72

Relating to fees for nursing license

SB 72 requires the Oregon State Board of Nursing to impose a \$9 fee on all examinations and license renewals for registered nurses and licensed practical nurses. The fee revenue, estimated to be roughly \$500,000 each biennium, is required to be deposited in the Oregon Nursing Advancement Fund created by the bill. Each year, the principal balance of the fund is to be paid by the Board of Nursing to an Oregon nonprofit organization that provides various services supporting and researching nursing and the nursing workforce in Oregon. The recommended amendment provides biennial expenditure limitation to the budget of the Board of Nursing for the required payments from the Oregon Nursing Advancement Fund.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends SB 72 be amended by the -A2 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.