

SB 469

Relating to staffing of hospitals

SB 469 requires each hospital in Oregon to establish a hospital nurse staffing committee to develop a written hospital-wide staffing plan to ensure that the hospital is staffed to meet the health care needs of patients. The bill outlines the composition and governance of the committee, as well as staffing standards that must be met.

In addition, the bill establishes the 12-member Nurse Staffing Advisory Board charged with advising the Oregon Health Authority regarding the administration of hospital staffing plans and reviewing the Oregon Health Authority's enforcement powers of staffing plans. The bill also requires the Oregon Health Authority to audit each hospital in Oregon once every three years; and to compile and make available to the public reports of these audits.

The bill appropriates \$552,592 General Fund to the Oregon Health Authority to perform audits and investigations.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends SB 469 be amended by the -A10 amendment and be reported out do pass as amended.