

Enrolled Senate Bill 72

Sponsored by Senators MONNES ANDERSON, STEINER HAYWARD (Pre-session filed.)

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to fees for nursing license; and declaring an emergency.

Whereas the advancement of the profession of nursing is important to the health of the residents of this state; and

Whereas the Oregon Center for Nursing works to advance the profession of nursing in this state through research, leadership development, educational support and advocacy for nursing; and

Whereas the center conducts research studies on the nursing workforce in this state, including projected supply and demand of nurses and workforce shortages in nursing education and practice; and

Whereas the center distributes information free of charge about the nursing workforce in this state to residents of this state; and

Whereas the center convenes nursing organizations to address issues and recommendations identified through nursing workforce research; now, therefore,

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon State Board of Nursing shall impose an additional \$9 fee for each examination fee and each license renewal fee charged under ORS 678.410 for a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse for the purposes specified in subsection (2) of this section.

(2) The additional fees imposed on examination fees and license renewals by subsection (1) of this section shall be credited to the Oregon Nursing Advancement Fund established by section 2 of this 2015 Act.

SECTION 2. (1) The Oregon Nursing Advancement Fund is established separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Oregon Nursing Advancement Fund shall be credited to the fund. Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Oregon State Board of Nursing to be used as specified in subsection (2) of this section.

(2) The principal amount accrued in the fund shall be remitted once per year on a date established by rule of the Oregon State Board of Nursing to an Oregon nonprofit organization that:

(a) Works to advance the profession of nursing in this state through research, leadership development, educational support and advocacy for nursing;

(b) Conducts research studies on the nursing workforce in this state, including projected supply and demand of nurses and workforce shortages in nursing education and practice;

(c) Distributes information free of charge about the nursing workforce in this state to residents of this state; and

(d) Convenes nursing organizations to address issues and recommendations identified through nursing workforce research.

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of \$500,000 is established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, as the maximum limit for payment of expenses from the Oregon Nursing Advancement Fund from fees, moneys or other revenues, including Miscellaneous Receipts, but excluding lottery funds and federal funds, collected or received by the Oregon State Board of Nursing.

SECTION 4. Section 1 of this 2015 Act applies to examinations administered and license renewals made on or after the effective date of this 2015 Act.

SECTION 5. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect July 1, 2015.

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Lori L. Brocker, Secretary of Senate

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Peter Courtney, President of Senate

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Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

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