

# Senate Bill 72

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

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Increases fees to take nursing examination and renew nursing license.

Establishes Oregon Nursing Advancement Fund. Directs that moneys in fund be remitted to nonprofit organization that supports advancement of nursing profession in Oregon.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to fees for nursing license.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22       **SECTION 2.** (1) **The Oregon Nursing Advancement Fund is established separate and dis-**  
23 **tinct from the General Fund for the purposes specified in subsection (2) of this section. In-**  
24 **terest earned by the Oregon Nursing Advancement Fund shall be credited to the fund.**  
25 **Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the fund.**

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

29       (a) **Works to advance the profession of nursing; research, leadership development, edu-**  
30 **catational support and advocacy for nursing;**

31       (b) **Conducts research studies on the nursing workforce in this state, including projected**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted.  
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **supply and demand of nurses and workforce shortages in nursing education and practice;**

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

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

6 **SECTION 3. Section 1 of this 2015 Act applies to examinations administered and license**  
7 **renewals made on or after the effective date of this 2015 Act.**

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