

**PRELIMINARY** STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Health Care

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

**SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO:** Ways and Means

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**Action:**

**Vote:**

Yeas:

Nays:

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/4

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Increases fees to obtain nursing license by indorsement. Directs the moneys in Oregon Nursing Advancement Fund to be remitted quarterly to nonprofit organization that supports the advancement of nursing profession in Oregon. Permits the Department of Human Services to make payments to certain long term care facilities that purchase to adopt rules relating to purchase of long term care bed capacity. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

**BACKGROUND:** Senate Bill 72 was enacted in 2015 which allowed the Oregon State Board of Nursing to impose an additional \$9 fee on examination fees and license renewal fees for registered nurses or licensed practical nurses. These fees are deposited in the Nursing Advancement fund and dispersed annually.

The hospital assessment is a revenue stream created by the Legislature in 2003 to finance Medicaid (Oregon Health Plan) services. In 2013, House Bill 2216 was enacted to extend the hospital assessment for two more years.