

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date:

Action:

Meeting Dates:

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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 certain payments to long term care facilities that submit acquisition plans to purchase long term care bed capacity by June 30, 2016, which extends a 2015 sunset. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

The recommended -1 amendment allows the Department of Human Services to have the flexibility to establish a separate pediatric subacute reimbursement rate for certain pediatric nursing services; currently there is authority for only one rate.

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.

House Bill 2216 (2013) reauthorized the Long Term Care Facility Assessment and extended it through June 30, 2020. The bill also set a goal of reducing Oregon's long term care bed capacity by 1,500 beds by December 31, 2015 and established procedures for a licensed long term care provider to purchase the bed capacity of another long term care facility. A financial incentive, via an augmented reimbursement rate of \$9.75 per Medicaid resident day was also authorized to be paid to the purchaser for a period of four years from the date of purchase.