MEMORANDUM

To: Human Services Subcommittee of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means

From: Laurie Byerly, Legislative Fiscal Office
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Date: February 22, 2015

Subject: SB 1585 - Relating to state finance
              Work Session Recommendation

Sections 1 and 2 of SB 1585 make the $9 surcharge on nursing license fees authorized by SB 72 (2015) for the Oregon Nursing Advancement Fund also applicable to nurses who are licensed by indorsement (in addition to exam and renewal). The bill also requires the State Board of Nursing to make fund distributions quarterly and clarifies which type of nonprofits is qualified to receive fund distributions.

Section 3 of the bill permits the Department of Human Services (DHS) to make certain payments to long term care facilities that submit acquisition plans (rather than complete purchase) to purchase long term care bed capacity by June 30, 2016, which extends a 2015 sunset.

The measure previously had hearings in the Senate Committee on Health Care and Human Services Committee on February 4 and 22, 2015.

The State Board of Nursing estimates about $32,000 per year would be collected in additional revenue for the fund. For DHS, the cost of payments will depend on participation in the program and is indeterminate; the 2017-19 budget may need to be adjusted to account for higher participation levels if they materialize.

Amendment
The –1 amendment gives DHS the flexibility to establish a separate pediatric subacute reimbursement rate for certain pediatric nursing services; currently there is authority for only one rate.

   Motion: I move the –1 amendment to SB 1585.

<u>Measure as Modified</u>
The measure, as amended, is recommended to be moved to the Full Committee on Joint Ways and Means.

> **Motion: I move SB 1585 to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means with a "do pass" recommendation, as amended.**

<u>Assignment of Carriers</u>

Full: _____

1st Chamber: _____

2nd Chamber: _____