

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 02/04/16

Action: Do Pass And Refer To Ways And Means By Prior Reference.

Meeting Dates: 02/04

Vote:

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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 long term care bed capacity and to adopt rules relating to the purchase. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- The new fee to be applied to nurses who are licensed by indorsement as well as renewal
- Grants the Board of Nursing more flexibility to make payments quarterly to the Nursing Advancement Fund
- The requirements for nonprofit organizations
- Extend the sunset date for nursing facilities that are sold to reduce bed capacity

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No 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.