

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: SB 1585

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Measure Description:

Increases fees to obtain nursing license by indorsement.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Human Services (DHS), Board of Nursing

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

See Analysis.

Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Analysis: This bill increases fees to obtain nursing license by endorsement. 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.

Currently the Oregon State Board of Nursing charges an additional \$9 fee for each examination and each license renewal fee for a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse. The fee is then credited to the Oregon Nursing Advancement Fund. The Oregon Nursing Advancement Fund works to advance the profession of nursing in this state through research, leadership development, educational support, and advocacy for nursing. This bill expands the \$9 fee to license endorsements. License endorsements are, for example, a nurse from out of state who is otherwise licenses to practice that desires to practice in Oregon without taking the nursing practice examination. The Board anticipates raising an additional \$65,000 Other Funds per biennium that will be deposited in the Oregon Nursing Advancement Fund.

This bill also allows the Department of Human Services (DHS) to make payments to certain long term care facilities that purchase long term care bed capacity, adopt rules relating to the purchase, and extends the sunset date from December 31, 2015 to June 30, 2016. The criteria for payment eligibility is modified by allowing for the submission and approval of a purchase acquisition plan - rather than purchase - to meet program requirements. These payments were authorized as part of HB 2216 (2013) and the agency's 2013-15 budget included ongoing funding to cover the estimated costs. While it is anticipated this base funding amount will be adequate for covering 2015-17 augmented rates, if participation exceeds expectations DHS may need to return to the Legislative Assembly to request additional resources.