

SB 53 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services

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Meeting Dates: 2/15, 3/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies licensing fees of in-home care agencies and hospice programs.

FISCAL: May Have Fiscal Impact, But No Statement Yet Issued

REVENUE: May Have Revenue Impact, But No Statement Yet Issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Level of need for licensing fee increases
- Current fee schedules
- Possible amendment

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) licenses in-home care agencies and hospice programs. Licensing fees for in-home care agencies have been the same since 2007. Licensing fees were developed for hospice programs in 2009 and have remained unchanged. OHA reports that revenue from licensing fees no longer covers the costs of regulatory program work, which includes personnel costs, training expenses, annual licensure work, and stakeholder outreach.

Senate Bill 53 would increase the licensing fees of in-home care agencies and specify fee-tiers based on classification. Senate Bill 53 would also increase licensure fees for hospice programs.