

HB 2301 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Separates the Oregon Health Licensing Office (OHLO) into two groups: health-related professions and trade professions. Specifies circumstances under which HLO is required or permitted to disclose information obtained during an investigation of certain professions. Creates different standards for health-related professions and trade professions. Adds two boards to the list of health professional regulatory boards in Oregon (ORS 676.160). Modifies the educational requirements for Environmental Health Specialists registration.

Modifies membership composition and requirements of the State Trauma Advisory Board, area trauma advisory boards, State Emergency Medical Service Committee and Health Care Acquired Infection Advisory Committee. Repeals the Oregon POLST Registry Advisory Committee. Changes Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Director to Director's designee for purpose of appointing members to the Advisory Committee on Physician Credentialing. Repeals voluntary managed health insurance organizations consortium established by OHA (743B.206). Adds Cancer Centers to the definition of health care facilities for the required data reporting to the Oregon State Cancer Registry.

Modifies programs for treating allergic response, adrenal insufficiency or hypoglycemia. Allows physician assistants to treat allergic responses.

REVENUE: no revenue impact.

FISCAL: minimal fiscal impact.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure
- Repeal of the POLST Registry Advisory Board

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Health Licensing Office (OHLO) is the central licensing and regulatory office that oversees 14 health-related boards, councils and programs in Oregon. OHLO reviews and approves applicant qualifications, conducts examinations, inspects licensed facilities and independent contractors, responds to and investigates consumer complaints, and disciplines licensees who are found in violation of state requirements. Currently, any question regarding confidentiality of investigatory information requires an analysis of both OHLO governing statutes and the statutes that individually govern the various professional boards.

House Bill 2301-A makes several changes to programs operated by OHA's Division of Public Health, and modifies a number of public advisory entities also operated by OHA.