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**To:** Ways and Means Full Committee  
**From:** Human Services Subcommittee  
**Re:** HB 2503 Relating to lactation professionals

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**Senator Steiner Hayward:** “HB 2503 requires the Health Licensing Office within the Oregon Health Authority to establish a new program for licensing and regulating the practice of lactation consultants. The bill authorizes the Health Licensing Office to adopt rules and establish licensure fees. The bill outlines requirements for certification, and requires lactation consultants to complete continuing education related to cultural competency and trauma-informed care through programs approved by the Office. The bill exempts certified lactation counselors and individuals who contract with the Oregon Health Authority to promote or support breastfeeding through the Women, Infants and Children Program from licensing requirements.

The bill is anticipated to have minimal fiscal impact on the Oregon Health Authority. Existing staff in the Health Licensing Office will administer the program. Assuming an estimated 300-400 individuals will seek licensure, the Health Authority anticipates that fees will cover the estimated pooled costs of \$31,682 for the 2017-19 biennium, and \$42,243 for the 2019-21 biennium.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends HB 2503 be amended by the –A9 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.”