

SB 53 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF 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, and licensing fees that were developed for hospice programs in 2009 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-A would increase the licensing fees of in-home care agencies and specify fee-tiers based on classification. The measure would also increase licensure fees for hospice programs.