

HB 2661 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services and Housing

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires long term care providers to be certified annually by Health Licensing Office (HLO). Specifies professional requirements for long term care providers including client assessment standards, client and provider contracts, compliance with Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, completion of background check, disclosure laws, and continuing education. Requires HLO to adopt and regulate rules. Becomes operative January 1, 2018. Declares an emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

The Health Licensing Office (HLO) oversees the licensing and regulation of health and health-related professions through conducting inspected of facilities, administering certifications, and responding to consumer complaints. Over 71,000 professionals are authorized through HLO to practice throughout Oregon.

House Bill 2661 requires long term care providers to be certified annually by the Health Licensing Office. The bill species the professional requirements for long term care providers. These requirements include client assessment standards, written contracts with clients and providers, compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, completing of a background check, disclosure of provider compensation, and completion of continuing education. Additionally, House Bill 2661 requires HLO to adopt and regulate the rules for certification of long term care providers.