

## HB 2503 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Health Care

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**Action Date:** 04/14/17

**Action:** Do pass with amendments  
and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng.)

**Vote:** 9-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 9 - Alonso Leon, Buehler, Greenlick, Hack, Hayden, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Malstrom, Nosse

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Health Licensing Office to adopt rules for lactation consultant licenses, licensure fees, qualifications for initial licensing, licensure reciprocity and certification approval. Outlines the continuing education requirements for a lactation consultant. Exempts persons who are contracted with Oregon Health Authority or other entity that promotes or supports breastfeeding through Women, Infants and Children Program. Becomes operative January 1, 2018. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Role of lactation consultants and educators
- National Breastfeeding Center recommendations
- Exempts registered nurses from the licensing requirements
- Need to expand access and services
- Proposed amendment

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the original measure.

#### BACKGROUND:

Lactation consultants are professional breastfeeding specialists trained to teach mothers how to feed their baby. Most lactation consultants are trained and certified by the International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners.

The Oregon Health Licensing Office (OHLO) is the central licensing and regulatory office that oversees 14 health and 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.