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To: Human Services Subcommittee

From: Kim To, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: June 10, 2019

Subject: HB 2600 – Relating to disease outbreaks in congregate care facilities

HB 2600 requires long term care facilities, conversion facilities, and residential care facilities providing care to six or more residents to adopt protocols and procedures for preventing and reporting disease outbreaks. These facilities must designate a qualified person with specialized training to be responsible for the protocols, and to serve as a contact for the Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) regarding outbreaks. The bill also requires the Long Term Care Ombudsman to notify the licensing agency about any disease outbreak reported to the Ombudsman and to train designees on how to identify and report outbreaks. In addition, the bill requires DHS to conduct annual onsite inspections of facilities' kitchens and food preparation areas. This inspection is in addition to other inspections require by law.

The measure previously had a hearing in the House Committee on Health Care on 1/31/2019 and 4/9/2019, and was reported out with a do pass recommendation.

The -A8 amendment:

- Extends the period of time which an employee of a facility could have received disease-prevention training at a prior facility from 18 months to 24 months prior to the time of hiring.
- Specifies that DHS must inspect a facilities' kitchens and food preparation areas in the same year that DHS is required to conduct a survey of the facility, as part of the survey.
- Permits DHS to charge a fee of up to \$200 only when an inspection not conducted as part of a legally required survey.
- Stipulates that the inspections must be conducted by an individual who has training and expertise in food sanitation.

With the - A8 amendment DHS estimates the fiscal impact of this bill to be \$270,759 Total Funds [\$135,591 Other Funds + \$135,168 Federal Funds] and three positions (1.14 FTE) for the 2019-21 biennium. Other Funds and Federal Funds limitation to support this work will be included in the agency's budget bill.

Recommended Changes

LFO recommends adoption of the -A8 amendment.

MOTION: I move adoption of the -A8 amendment to HB 2600. (VOTE)

Final Subcommittee Action

MOTION: I move HB 2600 to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. (VOTE)

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

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