

HB 2600 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 04/09/19

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

Vote: 11-0-0-0

Yeas: 11 - Alonso Leon, Boles, Drazan, Greenlick, Hayden, Keny-Guyer, Mitchell, Noble, Nosse, Prusak, Salinas

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 1/31, 4/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires personnel at specified facilities to receive training to recognize disease outbreaks and infection control at the time of hiring, unless training received at another facility within the previous 18 months or annually as part of continuing education requirements. Authorizes the Department of Human Services (DHS), in consultation with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), to establish training components by rule. Provides for training in person, in writing, by webinar, or by other electronic means. Requires specified facilities to establish and maintain infection prevention and control protocols for a safe, sanitary, and comfortable environment, that prevents development and transmission of communicable diseases. Requires a facility to designate an individual to be responsible for infection prevention and disease control protocols. Requires DHS, in coordination with OHA, to communicate regularly with facility administrators on best practices and prevention protocols. Authorizes DHS, in consultation with OHA, to notify facilities in a community where an elevated risk of infectious disease outbreak exists. Requires DHS to inspect kitchens and other areas where food is prepared annually, except when DHS has scheduled a survey in the same year. Allows DHS to charge an inspection fee of up to \$200. Prohibits DHS or OHA from denying or delaying a license or refusing renewal of a license for a facility's first failure to pass inspection, or if the agency fails to conduct inspection in a timely manner. Directs fees collected for inspections to be appropriated continuously for ongoing inspections. Permits OHA to establish when disease must be reported in rule. Requires DHS to conduct on-site inspection of kitchen and other areas where food is prepared upon receipt of a license application and fee to operate a facility. Requires Long Term Care Ombudsman to notify DHS or OHA of disease outbreaks reported by residents.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Origins of bill; treatable disease outbreak at a long-term care facility; pending litigation
- Need to protect vulnerable residents through disease prevention and control of infectious diseases
- Recognition and reporting of infectious diseases; improvements in communication among state agencies, local public health authorities, and long-term care facilities
- Entities to be covered by proposed provisions
- Need to train staff and administrators at long-term facilities, clinical capabilities onsite, and kitchen inspection protocols for food safety
- Training to be incorporated into existing requirements for health care providers; availability of online training
- Provisions of amendments

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

This summary has not been adopted or officially endorsed by action of the committee.

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Long-term care facilities provide care and assistance for individuals who need help with activities of daily living, medication, and personal care. The Department of Human Services, Office of Licensing and Regulatory Oversight licenses long-term care facilities including residential care facilities. The Oregon Health Authority manages the state's public health functions from disease prevention and control, to food safety and inspections.

House Bill 2600-A establishes new protocols, training, and inspection requirements for long-term and residential care facilities to prevent and control disease outbreaks.