

SB 26 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Salinas

House Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 05/21/19

Action: Do Pass.

Vote: 10-0-1-0

Yeas: 10 - Alonso Leon, Drazan, Greenlick, Hayden, Keny-Guyer, Mitchell, Noble, Nosse, Prusak, Salinas

Exc: 1 - Boles

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 5/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Health Authority to discharge employees upon substantiation of claim they physically or sexually abused a patient or client. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) was established as a state agency in 2009 through House Bill 2009. The director of OHA, or a designee of the director, is authorized to appoint, suspend, or discharge any employee. Senate Bill 26 requires employees to be discharged if a claim that they have physically or sexually abused a patient or client is substantiated.