

SB 1526 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Moore-Green

House Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 02/20/20

Action: Do Pass.

Vote: 9-0-2-0

Yeas: 9 - Alonso Leon, Hayden, Keny-Guyer, Moore-Green, Noble, Nosse, Prusak, Salinas, Schouten

Exc: 2 - Drazan, Greenlick

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/18, 2/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Describes and clarifies types of evidence Health Licensing Office may consider to determine if an applicant for residential care facility administrator license has earned high school or equivalent diploma. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Types of evidence the Health Licensing Office may consider to determine licensure eligibility
- Challenges experienced among individuals to procure required documentation for licensure
- House Bill 4129 (2018)

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Residential care facilities (RCFs) are shared or individual living units in a homelike surrounding where six or more seniors and adult individuals with disabilities can reside. RCFs offer and coordinate a range of supportive services available on a 24-hour basis to meet the activities of daily living, health, and social needs of the residents. Licensed residential and assisted living facilities must employ a full-time administrator, defined as individual responsible for planning, organizing, and managing the operation of RCF.

House Bill 4129 (2018) established a license for administrators of residential care facilities (RCFs). Applicants are qualified for the license if they are at least 21 years old, have earned a high school diploma or its equivalent, have two years of demonstrated professional or management experience, or possess an accredited bachelor's degree in a health or related field (OAR 411-054-0065). By January 1, 2022, all administrators of a RCF must hold a license issued by the Oregon Health Authority's Health Licensing Office.

Senate Bill 1526 describes the evidence that the Health Licensing Office may consider to determine whether an applicant for a residential care facility administrator license meets required educational requirements.