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TO: House Interim Committee on Health Care
FROM: Brian Nieubuurt, LPRO Analyst
DATE: January 13, 2022
RE: Summary of 2022 Committee Legislative Concepts

LC 192 (1/10/2022) – Removes requirement that coordinated care organizations collect and report race, ethnicity, language, and disability (REALD) and sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) data to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). Allows OHA to make certain releases of REALD and SOGI data. Permits pharmacy interns to transfer drugs containing pseudoephedrine or ephedrine to person over 18 years of age without a prescription. Extends sunset on provisions regulating sharing of COVID-19 data to one year after date on which state of emergency declared by Governor on March 8, 2020, for COVID-19 pandemic, and any extension of state of emergency, is no longer in effect. Extends requirements related to reporting of prescriptions of biological products to January 1, 2026. Authorizes OHA to implement reproductive health services and education programs. Allows physicians and physician assistants to use telemedicine and defines “telemedicine.” Prohibits Oregon Medical Board and State Board of Pharmacy from establishing standards for telemedicine that are stricter than standards for in-person delivery of health care services. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

LC 203 (12/8/2021) – Requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to conduct a study and recommend potential options to improve access to or lower the cost of health care in the state. Requires OHA to report recommendations to the Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2023.

LC 271 (1/4/2022) – Directs the Oregon State Board of Nursing (Board) to issue nurse internship license to qualified applicants. Allows nurse intern to practice nursing under the direct supervision of a registered nurse and subject to certain limitations. Requires the Health Care Workforce Committee to convene an advisory committee to study nurse workforce challenges. Requires advisory committee to submit a report to the Legislative Assembly by November 15, 2022. Extends authorization for nonresident nurses to practice in Oregon from up to 30 to up to 90 days for specified assignments, including staffing a behavioral health home. Requires facilities experiencing temporary nurse staffing shortages to notify nurses’ exclusive bargaining representative of shortage and other specified information. Allows person other than applicant for licensure by indorsement to pay nursing license application fee. Directs Board to support a wellness program that provides accessible, confidential, and helpful services to health care providers and appropriates moneys to Board. Declares emergency, effective on passage.