

HB 3016 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes a hospital to deviate from a hospital nurse staffing plan upon declaration of a national or state emergency. Requires a hospital to report on nurse staffing needs during a national or state emergency, including developing a contingency staffing plan that includes crisis standards of care. Requires a hospital that deviates from its nurse staffing plan to seek approval from the hospital nurse staffing committee if in effect for more than 90 days.

REVENUE: statement issued - no revenue impact.

FISCAL: statement issued - no fiscal impact.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Impact of COVID-19 pandemic on hospitals and nurse staffing plans, and staffing deviations
- Emergency preparedness and hospital nurse staffing plans
- Federal COVID-19 relief funds, personal protective equipment, and crisis response in Oregon

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill 469 passed in 2015, requiring every Oregon hospital to establish a hospital nurse staffing committee to develop a written hospital-wide staffing plan to ensure that the hospital is staffed to meet the health care needs of patients. In addition, the bill established the 12-member Nurse Staffing Advisory Board charged with advising the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) regarding administration and enforcement of staffing plans. The measure also requires OHA to audit individual hospitals every three years and make the findings publicly available. Hospitals found to be in violation of the administrative rules for nurse staffing services receive an audit report and must submit a plan of correction to OHA, which must be approved by the agency. OHA maintains and posts online any reports generated from nurse staffing surveys and complaint investigations.

House Bill 3016 modifies requirements for hospital nurse staffing plans during a national or state emergency declaration.