

HB 2072 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Increases home health agency fees for initial licensure, license renewal, and change of ownership.

REVENUE: statement issued - no revenue impact.

FISCAL: statement issued - see analysis.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Impact of licensing fees and impact of COVID-19
- Potential modifications to proposed fees; last time fees increased was 2009
- Agency staffing, program costs, and self-funding; agency reserves; restricting, phased-in, or reducing proposed fees
- Funds allocated to long-term care facilities through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Home health agencies provide skilled medical nursing services and other therapeutic services to patients in their homes. In Oregon, the Health Facility Licensing & Certification Program (HFLC) within the Public Health Division of the Oregon Health Authority is responsible for regulating certain types of non-long term care health care facilities and agencies. HFLC conducts routine federal Medicare certification surveys and state licensure surveys as well as state and federal complaint investigations to ensure that regulated health care facilities comply with all applicable federal and state requirements. Licensing fees for home health agencies were last increased in 2009.

House Bill 2072 increases licensing fees for home health agencies.