

HB 2072 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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Meeting Dates: 6/7, 6/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Reason for the size of the fee increase
- Number of licensees impacted

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 and 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 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.