

HB 2072 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 03/25/21

Action: Do pass and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference

Vote: 6-3-1-0

Yeas: 6 - Alonso Leon, Campos, Dexter, Prusak, Salinas, Schouten

Nays: 3 - Drazan, Hayden, Moore-Green

Exc: 1 - Noble

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/18, 3/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Impact of licensing fees and last fee increase
- Impact of COVID-19 on home health agencies
- Potential modifications to proposed fees
- Agency staffing, program costs, and funding
- 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.