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**To:** Human Services Subcommittee

**From:** Zane Potter, Legislative Fiscal Office

**Date:** February 21, 2022

**Subject:** HB 4003 – Relating to nursing  
Work Session Recommendations

House Bill 4003 directs the Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN) to issue a nurse internship license to a qualified applicant that is a student in a nursing program and pays a fee. The measure requires OSBN to support a tax-exempt Oregon nonprofit organization that promotes the well-being of Oregon health professionals through education, coordinated regional counseling, telemedicine services and research.

The measure also directs the Health Care Workforce Committee to study, identify, and describe the challenges in addressing staffing shortages in the nursing field and submit its findings to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to health care by no later than November 15, 2022.

The fiscal impact of the measure is estimated to be \$500,000 Other Funds for OSBN's support of the nonprofit organization. OSBN anticipates that existing staff will be able to administer the nurse internship licensure program.

The measure previously had hearings in the House Committee on Health Care on 2/7/2022 and 2/11/2022 and was reported out with a do pass recommendation as amended.

### **Recommended Changes**

LFO recommends adoption of the -A3 amendment, which provides an Other Funds expenditure limitation increase of \$500,000 to OSBN to support the nonprofit organization.

### **Final Subcommittee Action**

LFO recommends that HB 4003, as amended by the -A3 amendment, to be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

**Carriers**

Full Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

House Floor: \_\_\_\_\_

Senate Floor: \_\_\_\_\_