

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 4003 - A3

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Measure Description:

Directs the Oregon State Board of Nursing to issue a nurse internship license to a qualified applicant. Increases the Other Funds expenditure limitation for the Oregon State Board of Nursing.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN), Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Health Care Workforce Committee

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure will require budgetary action - See analysis.

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2021-23 Biennium	2023-25 Biennium
Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN)		
Other Funds	500,000	
Total Fiscal Impact	\$500,000	\$0

Analysis:

House Bill 4003 A-engrossed, as modified by the -A3 amendments, 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 submits documentation specifying the applicant’s qualifications, meets other OSBN licensing criteria, and pays a fee. The measure directs OSBN to allow for and encourage participation in the nurse internship licensure program; however, OSBN may revoke or suspend a nurse internship license if the nurse intern is not in good academic standing, among other reasons. OSBN must 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 increases OSBN’s Other Funds expenditure limitation by \$500,000 in the 2021-23 biennium. 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 measure takes effect on passage, the substantive provisions of which become operative on January 1, 2023.

Oregon State Board of Nursing

The measure directs OSBN to issue new nurse internship licenses to qualified applicants. Because OSBN has a mandate to protect the public in the practice of nursing, OSBN already considers an applicant’s criminal history, moral character, and other considerations when making fitness determinations for professional licensure. OSBN expects that issuing nurse internship licenses will be similar to its current enforcement and licensing activities. Though, it is unknown how many nurse interns will apply for licensure beginning January 1, 2023, OSBN anticipates that existing staff will be able to support the administration of the nurse internship license. The measure also directs OSBN to support a tax-exempt Oregon nonprofit organization that promotes the well-being of Oregon health professionals.

The measure increases OSBN's expenditure limitation by \$500,000 Other Funds in the 2021-23 biennium to support the Oregon nonprofit organization. However, it should be noted that OSBN has no experience supporting nonprofit organizations and therefore may need additional budgetary resources in future biennia to provide support to nonprofit organizations.

Health Care Workforce Committee (Oregon Health Authority)

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is overseen by the Oregon Health Policy Board (OHPB), a nine-member citizen board that develops and guides implementation of health care policy. By law, OHPB established the Health Care Workforce Committee.

The measure directs the Health Care Workforce Committee to study, identify, and describe the challenges in addressing staffing shortages in the nursing field, which is part of the committee's normal workload. The measure is anticipated to have a minimal fiscal impact on the Health Care Workforce Committee and OHA.