

## HB 2926 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Health Authority to establish program to provide financial incentives to hospitals for offering clinical training opportunities for nursing students. Requires separate financial incentives for both hospitals and nursing students. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

*FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.*

*REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.*

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

##### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

##### BACKGROUND:

According to the Oregon Employment Department's 2021 Job Vacancy Survey, nursing assistants and registered nurses were two of the top seven occupations with vacancies in the state, with over 75 percent of survey respondents indicating the vacancies were difficult to fill. A [2020 report](#) from the Oregon Center for Nursing noted that limited clinical placement sites for nursing students significantly constrains the potential growth of the nursing workforce. Even with a 2020 update to Oregon State Board of Nursing rules to allow up to 49 percent of the clinical hours required for licensure to be completed via simulation (OAR 851-021-0050), nursing students still need placements in settings that allow them to gain experience in providing direct care to patients.

House Bill 2926 would require the Oregon Health Authority to establish a program to provide financial incentives to hospitals for offering clinical training opportunities for nursing students.