

HB 2928 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Extends health care provider incentive program to providers who are students enrolled in health professional training programs leading to licensure as licensed practical nurse or registered nurse and who commit to service in a hospital setting. 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:

In 2015, the Legislative Assembly passed House Bill 3396, creating the Health Care Provider Incentive Program in the Oregon Health Authority. The Program offers various incentives, which include loan repayment, loan forgiveness, and insurance subsidies to both students and providers who commit to serving patients in underserved areas of the state. In 2022, the legislature passed House Bill 4003, which charged the Healthcare Workforce Advisory Committee of the Oregon Health Policy Board to study the state's nurse workforce shortage. Delivered in November 2022, the report made a number of recommendations for improving the education, recruitment, and retention of nursing professionals, including financial assistance to support nursing students.

House Bill 2928 would extend Oregon's Health Care Provider Incentive Program to providers who are students enrolled in health professional training programs leading to licensure as licensed practical nurse or registered nurse and who commit to service in a hospital setting.