

HB 2600 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Governor, in appointing members to Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN), to balance diversity of setting in which nurse or certified nursing assistant members provide care, and give priority to members who provide care in facilities licensed by the Department of Human Services or Oregon Health Authority. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Ayes, 57; Excused, 2.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN) aims to protect the public through the regulation of nursing education, licensure, and practice. OSBN oversees the licensure or certification of registered nurses (RN), licensed practical nurses (LPN), clinical nurse specialists (CNS), certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNA), nurse practitioners (NP), certified nursing assistants (CNA), and certified medication aides (CMA). The nine-member board is appointed by the Governor and comprised of four RNs, one LPN, one CNA, one nurse practitioner, and two public members.

House Bill 2600 requires the Governor, when appointing members to the Oregon State Board of Nursing, to balance the diversity of setting in which a nurse or certified nursing assistant provides care.