

HB 2045 -1, -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 4/27, 5/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to study access to health care in Oregon and submit report to Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2024.

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

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Health Care Cost Growth Target Program
- Impact of COVID-19 pandemic on state's health care workforce and providers' ability to remain within cost growth target
- Value of additional reporting on health care worker compensation

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Exempts growth resulting from total compensation to frontline workers from accountability provisions of Health Care Cost Growth Target Program. Defines "frontline worker" and "total compensation." Requires provider to annually report total compensation based on methodology determined by OHA.

-2 Extends permitted renewal period for nonresident nurses practicing in the state on a single, temporary assignment from 30 to 90 days. Clarifies obligation of nonresident nurses practicing on a temporary assignment to apply for reactivation of Oregon licensure if previously licensed in state.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is at the forefront of lowering and containing costs, improving quality, and increasing access to health care to improve the lifelong health of Oregonians. OHA is overseen by the nine-member citizen Oregon Health Policy Board working towards comprehensive health reform in the state.

House Bill 2045 requires the Oregon Health Authority to study access to health care in Oregon.