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Why is the OHA getting involved in how much nursing agency charge? Are they going to go after hospital, medical clinics, nursing facilities, etc and how much they charge patients/residents? Maybe these entities should have established rates too. This will directly affect nursing facilities, hospital, and any other companies that use and depend on temporary nursing staff.

"OHA oversees most of Oregon's health-related programs including behavioral health (addictions and mental health), public health, Oregon State Hospital for individuals requiring secure residential psychiatric care, and the state's Medicaid program called the Oregon Health Plan."

My questions again, why is the OHA (a government agency) getting involved in how much nursing agency charge?

"The mission of the Oregon Health Authority is helping people and communities achieve optimum physical, mental and social well-being through partnerships, prevention and access to quality, affordable health care."

Keep working on getting people of our state affordable health care, including the elderly, homeless, etc., and not into the business of temporary nursing agencies that are helping keep hospitals, medical clinics, nursing facilities, etc. staffed to take care of the elderly, homeless, sick, etc. Our tax money should be used in better ways, than how much work has gone into trying to get this bill passed.

If this bill passes, it will hurt ALOT of people & healthcare providers (hospitals, nursing facilities, etc)