

SB 1595 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Rules

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure extends the deadline for professional licensing boards to publish specific guidance related to internationally educated individuals, from July 1, 2026, to January 1, 2028. It also extends the deadline for professional licensing boards to comply with additional established statutory guidelines, concerning internationally educated individuals, from January 1, 2026, to January 1, 2028. It declares an emergency and is effective on passage.

Fiscal impact: Minimal impact

Revenue impact: No impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2025, Senate Bill 476 (SB 476) amended requirements for regulating the licensure of international health care providers, and required professional licensing boards, across all professions, to provide culturally responsive training for internationally educated individuals, starting January 1, 2026. It also requires that clear and easily understandable guidance regarding professional licensing pathways, for internationally educated individuals, be published by July 1, 2026.