

**SB 1595 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Rep. Watanabe

**House Committee On Rules**

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**Action Date:** 03/03/26

**Action:** Do Pass.

**Vote:** 6-1-0-0

**Yeas:** 6 - Bowman, Elmer, Grayber, Kropf, Pham H, Wallan

**Nays:** 1 - Skarlatos

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/27, 3/3

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure extends the deadline from July 1, 2026, to January 1, 2028, for a professional licensing board to publish on its website clear, easily understandable guidance on the pathways for internationally educated individuals to obtain licensure, certification, or other board-issued authorization. It also extends the deadline from January 1, 2026, to January 1, 2028, for a board to ensure that any of its staff who interact with internationally educated individuals receive culturally responsive training approved by the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement. The measure declares an emergency, effective on its passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Requirements that apply to all professional licensing boards

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

In Oregon Revised Statutes Chapter 670, a professional licensing board means a state agency or board that licenses, certifies, or otherwise authorizes individuals to provide an occupational or professional service. In 2025, Senate Bill 476 amended requirements for regulating the licensure of international health care providers. It also required professional licensing boards across all professions to provide culturally responsive training, starting on January 1, 2026, for staff who interact with internationally educated individuals and to publish, by July 1, 2026, clear, easily understandable guidance regarding professional licensing pathways for internationally educated individuals. Senate Bill 1595 extends both deadlines to January 1, 2028.