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To: Human Services Subcommittee
From: Kim To, Legislative Fiscal Office
Date: Tuesday, May 30, 2017
Subject: HB 2503 Relating to lactation professionals
Work Session Recommendations

House Bill 2503 requires the Health Licensing Office (HLO) within the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to establish a new board and program for licensing and regulating the practice of lactation consultants. The bill authorizes HLO to adopt rules and establish licensure fees. The bill outlines requirements for certification, and requires lactation consultants to complete continuing education related to cultural competency and trauma-informed care through programs approved by HLO. The bill exempts individuals who contract with OHA to promote or support breastfeeding through the Women, Infants and Children Program from licensing requirements.

The measure previously had hearings in the House Committee on Health Care on 2/6/2017 and 4/14/2017.

The original staff measure summary and the fiscal impact statement are available on the Oregon Legislative Information System (OLIS).

The bill is anticipated to have minimal fiscal impact on OHA. Existing staff in the Health Licensing Office will administer the program. Assuming an estimated 300-400 individuals will seek licensure, OHA anticipates that fees will cover the estimated pooled costs of \$31,682 for the 2017-19 biennium, and \$42,243 for the 2019-21 biennium

Recommended Changes

LFO recommends adoption of the -A7 and A8 amendments. The -A7 gives the Health Licensing Office oversight and disciplinary authority over the Lactation Consultants licensing program. The -A8 amendment clarifies that certified lactation counselors are not subject to the licensing requirements of this bill. These amendments do not change the fiscal impact.

MOTION: I move adoption of the -A7 amendment to HB 2503. (VOTE)

MOTION: I move adoption of the -A8 amendment to HB 2503. (VOTE)

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 2503, as amended by the -A7 and A8 amendments, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move HB 2503, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. (VOTE)

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

Senate Floor: _____