

**SB 26 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Human Services**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires Oregon Health Authority to discharge employees upon substantiation of claim they physically or sexually abused a patient or client. Declares emergency; effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) was established as a state agency in 2009 through House Bill 2009. The director of OHA or a designee of the director is authorized to appoint, suspend, or discharge any employee. Senate Bill 26 requires employees to be discharged if a claim that they have physically or sexually abused a patient or client is substantiated.