

HB 2610 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Health Authority (OHA) create program to conduct periodic health inspections of hotels and lodging facilities. Specifies program criteria. Requires OHA to provide inspected facilities inspection score and copy of report. Allows OHA to conduct reinspection if requested and reissue report. Authorizes OHA to enter intergovernmental agreements with local health agencies. Authorizes OHA to assess inspection fees and a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000 when a lodging facility fails to post inspection results. Each day a hotel or inn fails to post results constitutes separate violation.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

States operate programs that conduct investigations of hotels, motels, campgrounds, inns, and RV parks to monitor the safety and sanitary conditions of such travel establishments. These licensing programs are to ensure sanitation, guest safety, adequate heating and cooling, and to protect the health and welfare of the public. The Oregon Health Authority manages the state's public health functions from disease prevention and control to food safety and inspections. OHA's Public Health Division is responsible for current law (ORS 446.310-375) that governs the sanitation and licensing of travel accommodations including review, approval, or denial of an establishment's license including fee collection.

House Bill 2610 creates a statewide hotel and lodging inspection program managed by the Oregon Health Authority.