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Senate Committee on Business and General Government

House Bill 2454A

The Oregon State Board of Nursing wishes to submit informational testimony regarding House Bill 2454-A, which is related to out-of-state applicants seeking occupational licensure in Oregon.

For the Board of Nursing, this process is known as endorsement. The endorsement applications we receive are processed and licenses issued in three-to-four weeks. Any delay beyond that timeframe is due to the individual applicant variation in providing required documents, the national Criminal Background Checks processed through the Oregon State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, or receiving licensure verification in cases where the applicant has practiced in California, Alabama, Michigan, or Pennsylvania. This individual variation is noted in approximately 20% of applicants.

The Board follows current statutory requirements for the issuing of licenses to practice nursing safely in Oregon.

We anticipate there will be no fiscal impact as a result of this bill. The Board would be happy to answer any questions the Committee may have.