

SB 28 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Increases statutorily-defined licensing and inspection fees related to tourist facilities, public spas and pools, bed and breakfasts, restaurants and vending machines, and for plan reviews for restaurant construction or remodeling. Declares an emergency and establishes an operative date of July 1, 2019 for the fee changes.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Delegation of regulatory work to local public health authorities
- Ability of local public health authorities to adjust fees according to statutory requirements
- Impact of fee increases on Oregon Health Authority budget

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Establishes an emergency clause and specifies an operative date of July 1, 2019 for the fee changes.

BACKGROUND:

The Food, Pool and Lodging Health and Safety Programs within the Oregon Health Authority's Public Health Division work in partnership with local health departments, the recreation and tourist industry, and the public to reduce or eliminate illnesses and injury to patrons of food service establishments, public spas and pools, and tourist facilities in Oregon. The programs provide technical assistance, training, and education, and oversee the statewide licensing and inspection system. As permitted in statute, the Public Health Division generally delegates the licensing and inspection work to local public health authorities, which collect these fees to support their related program costs. The Public Health Division conducts inspections when a county transfers its public health authority status to the Oregon Health Authority.

The measure increases the fees for food, pool, and lodging entities regulated by the Oregon Health Authority and, through the delegation of responsibilities, by local public health authorities. These fees were last increased in 2003.