

**SB 1526 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Health Care**

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/4

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Describes evidence that the Health Licensing Office may consider to determine if an applicant for residential care facility administrator license has earned high school or equivalent diploma. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

*REVENUE: No revenue impact*

*FISCAL: No fiscal impact*

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Health Licensing Office (HLO), part of the Oregon Health Authority's Public Health Division, is a central licensing and regulatory office that oversees multiple health and related professions. HLO protects the health, safety and rights of Oregon consumers by ensuring only qualified applicants are authorized to practice. HLO reviews and approves applicant qualifications, conducts examinations, inspects thousands of licensed facilities and independent contractors, responds to and investigates consumer complaints, and disciplines licensees who are found in violation of state requirements. Under current HLO statutes, applicants for a residential care facility administrator license must have a high school diploma or its equivalent.

Senate Bill 1526 describes the evidence that the Health Licensing Office may consider to determine whether an applicant for a residential care facility administrator license meets these educational requirements.