

HB 4096 -3, -4, -5, -7 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes specified health care practitioners authorized in another state or United States territory to practice in Oregon without compensation for 15 days without obtaining licensure in this state. Allows health professional regulatory board to adopt by rule a duration longer than 15 days each calendar year during which a health care practitioner may practice with Oregon licensure. Requires health care practitioner to submit specified information to health professional regulatory board ten days prior to commencing practice in Oregon. Requires coordinating organization or other entity that uses the services of a health care practitioner to confirm specified information with health care practitioner's licensing agency. Exempts specified health care practitioners from licensure requirements of this state. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

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:

- 3 Clarifies applicable exemptions from state regulation for volunteer health care practitioners.
- 4 Clarifies that authorization to practice without Oregon licensure does not limit the liability of a health professional regulatory board under other applicable laws.
- 5 Extends period authorized to practice without license to 30 days. Prohibits hospital or other health care facility from using services of health care practitioner in order to meet staffing needs during labor dispute at hospital or facility.
- 7 **Combination** (-3, -4, and -5)

BACKGROUND:

The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated health care workforce shortages, leaving many health care facilities short-staffed. Appropriate staffing in healthcare facilities is essential to providing safe patient care and a safe work environment for health care providers.

House Bill 4609 allows specified health care practitioners licensed in another state or territory to practice in state without compensation for 15 days without obtaining Oregon licensure.