

HB 4096 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Steiner Hayward

Senate Committee On Rules

Action Date: 02/24/22

Action: Do pass the A-Eng bill.

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Girod, Knopp, Manning Jr, Taylor, Wagner

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes specified health care practitioners authorized in another state or United States territory to practice in Oregon without compensation for 30 days without obtaining licensure in this state and exempts practitioners from licensure requirements of this state. Allows health professional regulatory board to adopt by rule a duration longer than 30 days each calendar year during which a health care practitioner may practice without 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. 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. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Differences in allowable volunteer practice between health professional regulatory boards and states
- Potential application to health care practitioners providing care as part of an educational program

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated health care workforce shortages, leaving many health care facilities short-staffed. Appropriate staffing in health care facilities is essential to providing safe patient care and a safe work environment for health care providers. Volunteer health care providers also provide services to people who might not otherwise have access, including rural areas bordering other states.

House Bill 4096 A allows specified health care practitioners licensed in another state or U.S. territory to practice in Oregon without compensation for 30 days without obtaining state licensure.