

**HB 2408 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Enacts interstate Nurse Licensure Compact (Compact). Specifies purpose, definitions, and duties of participation in Compact. Permits Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN) to disclose confidential information related to regulation and enforcement to Interstate Commission of Nurse Licensure Compact Administrators pursuant to Compact participation. Exempts individuals authorized to work as nurses under multistate licensure privilege from requirement to obtain license from OSBN and from restrictions on use of titles. Allows OSBN to use moneys in OSBN account to meet financial obligations imposed on state as result of Compact participation. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

*FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.*

*REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.*

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

According to the Oregon Employment Department 2021 Job Vacancy Survey registered nurses (RNs) had the seventh most open positions among 432 different occupations, with 76 percent of those openings categorized as "difficult-to-fill." The Nurse Licensure Compact (Compact) is an interstate agreement that allows nurses to hold a single license issued by a Compact member state that permits the nurse to practice in any other Compact-member state. Thirty-seven states, as well as Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands have joined the Compact, making over two million nurses eligible to practice in Compact jurisdictions.

House Bill 2408 would enact the Nurse Licensure Compact in Oregon.