

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

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**Measure Description:**

Requires professional licensing boards to provide culturally responsive training to specified staff members, publish guidance on pathways to professional authorization for internationally educated individuals and waive requirement for English proficiency examination for specified internationally educated individuals.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Board of Geologist Examiners, Board of Nursing, Board of Tax Practitioners, Oregon Medical Board, Appraiser Certification and Licensure Board, Construction Contractors Board, Department of Agriculture, Department of Consumer and Business Services, Department of Human Services, Department of Public Safety Standards and Training, Department of Transportation, Landscape Contractors Board, Oregon Health Authority, Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission, Oregon Racing Commission, Real Estate Agency, Teacher Standards and Practices Commission, Water Resources Department, Board of Chiropractic Examiners, Board of Dentistry, Board of Massage Therapists, Board of Medical Imaging, Board of Physical Therapy, Board of Psychology, Mental Health Regulatory Agency, Mortuary and Cemetery Board, Board of Accountancy, Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists, Board of Optometry, Health Related Licensing Boards, Veterinary Medical Examining Board, Board of Architect Examiners, Board of Licensed Social Workers, Board of Pharmacy, Higher Education Coordinating Commission, Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying, Board of Naturopathic Medicine, Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, Occupational Therapy Licensing Board, Landscape Architect Board

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

**Summary of Expenditure Impact:**

	2023-25 Biennium	2025-27 Biennium
<b>Higher Education Coordinating Commission</b>		
<b>General Fund</b>		
Personal Services	\$340,734	\$0
Services and Supplies	\$53,852	\$0
Special Payments	\$19,605,414	\$0
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>\$20,000,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<i>Total Positions</i>	2	0
<i>Total FTE</i>	1.50	0.00

**Analysis:** The measure requires professional licensing boards to provide culturally responsive training to a specified staff member, publish guidance on pathways to professional authorization for internationally educated individuals and waive requirements for English proficiency examination for specified internationally educated individuals. The measure prohibits the Oregon Medical Board from imposing time limitations on completion of the United States Medical Licensing Examination and allows the board to issue a limited license to practice

medicine to specified individuals for practice under the supervision of another licensed physician.

The measure also establishes the Internationally Educated Workforce Reentry Grant Program within the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to award grants to specified entities that provide eligible career guidance and support services to internationally educated residents of Oregon who are seeking to enter the Oregon workforce in described professions. The measure provides for a one-time \$20 million General Fund appropriation for the 2023-25 biennium to HECC for the Internationally Educated Workforce Reentry Grant Program. The measure declares an emergency and is effective upon passage.

The measure requires HECC to create and implement a system for integrating internationally educated individuals into the workforce, develop and maintain a roster of internationally educated populations entering the workforce, publish a report on the number and distribution of the internationally educated population in Oregon and submit the report to the Legislative Assembly. HECC would require one Research Analyst 4 (0.75 FTE) to develop tools and forms for data collection from various organizations, evaluate and assess data collected, and report writing and one Policy Analyst 3 (0.75 FTE) to manage and track grants.

The fiscal impact to the balance of the agencies is minimal.

This measure has a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of its budgetary impact on the State's General Fund.