

HB 2665 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to adopt rules to establish rates that temporary staffing agency may charge to or receive from entity that engages temporary staffing agency. Requires OHA to annually evaluate rates. Directs OHA to establish process to grant waiver of rate. Allows temporary staffing agency to charge emergency increased rate. Specifies emergency increased rate standards and parameters. 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:

The use of temporary staffing agencies in the health care sector has grown in recent years, particularly as hospitals, long term care facilities, and other health care industries have had to deal with the increased care demands brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. Temporary health care staff can include travel nurses, per diem nurses, locum tenens physicians, and allied health care professionals (dietitians, medical technologists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, radiographers, respiratory therapists, and speech language pathologists).

House Bill 2665 would direct the Oregon Health Authority to adopt rules to establish temporary staff rates, including processes and standards for emergency increased rates and rate waivers.