

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 2696

Relating to sign language interpreters

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Human Services Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Gelser Blouin

HB 2696 establishes the State Board of Sign Language Interpreters within the Health Licensing Office.

The State Board of Sign Language Interpreters is charged with assisting the Health Licensing Office in establishing a public registry of licensees, developing a process to receive and address grievances, adopting rules, and establishing minimum qualifications and standards for licensees and renewals of licenses.

The measure authorizes the Health Licensing Office, budgeted within the Oregon Health Authority, to grant licenses for sign language interpreters, supervisory sign language interpreters, educational sign language interpreters, medical sign language interpreters, legal sign language interpreters, and provisional sign language interpreter licenses, subject to the requirements of the measure.

The -2 amendment includes \$100,100 Other Funds. These funds will be used for board member compensation and associated services and supplies costs, administrative fees for the Health Licensing Office, communication materials, subject matter expert consultation fees, and Department of Justice fees.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends HB 2696 be amended by the -2 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.