

SB 965 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**Carrier:** Sen. Gelser Blouin**Senate Committee On Health Care****Action Date:** 03/22/23**Action:** Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)**Vote:** 3-2-1-0**Yeas:** 3 - Campos, Patterson, President Wagner**Nays:** 2 - Bonham, Hayden**Exc:** 1 - Gorsek**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact**Revenue:** No revenue impact**Prepared By:** Maya Green, LPRO Analyst**Meeting Dates:** 3/15, 3/22**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Allows the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to share information obtained in investigations of home health agencies and caregiver registries with specified public entities including the Department of Justice and the state licensing body. Allows OHA to require fingerprints for individuals applying for or renewing a hemodialysis technician certificate for the purpose of a nationwide background check. Allows OHA to issue temporary or provisional certification to a hemodialysis technician during a state, local, or federal state of emergency. Removes the requirement that outlines of instruction for courses for psilocybin service facilitators be submitted to the Department of Education. Changes the composition of the Oregon Public Health Advisory Board from 14 to 18, adding an expert in health equity, an individual who represents a community-based organization serving a rural community, an individual who represents a community-based organization serving an urban community, and an individual who represents the education system.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Requirement for Oregon Health Authority to perform on-site or off-site investigations following receipt of complaints about certain facilities

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Removes provisions allowing OHA to conduct for off-site inspection of facilities upon receiving specified complaints.

BACKGROUND:

Health Facility Licensing & Certification (HFLC) is responsible for processing complaints for certain types of health care facilities and agencies and is housed under the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). Complaints are reviewed to determine whether there are potential violations of law or regulation and whether jurisdiction exists to take further action. Hemodialysis technicians are certified individuals responsible for operating dialysis machines that act as artificial kidneys by removing waste from blood and removing excess fluids from the body for individuals with kidney failure or disease. OHA issues provisional certifications, provisional certification renewals, full certifications, and renewal certification. Full certification requires an application, a fee, passing an exam, and submitting proof of high school or GED completion. Oregon Psilocybin Services (OPS) is a new program housed within the OHA Public Health Division's Center for Health Protection. The Oregon Psilocybin Services program implements Ballot Measure 109 (codified as ORS chapter 475A), which was passed in November 2020 and directs the OHA to license and regulate the provision of psilocybin services. Oregon has specific requirements to become a licensed psilocybin services facilitator, including completion of an approved psilocybin facilitator training program.

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Senate bill 965 A allows the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to share information obtained in investigations of home health agencies and caregiver registries with the Department of Justice and the state licensing body, allows OHA to require fingerprints for individuals applying for or renewing a hemodialysis technician certificate, removes the requirement for course curriculum for psilocybin service facilitators be submitted to the Department of Education, and changes the number of members of the Oregon Public Health Advisory Board.