

House Bill 2503

Sponsored by Representative NOSSE (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires Oregon Health Authority to convene work group consisting of stakeholders to study legislative or regulatory means of establishing staffing committees or establishing minimum staffing levels for home health agencies, hospice programs, home infusion agencies, public health agencies, correctional facilities and ambulatory surgical centers. Requires report to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to health no later than September 15, 2024.

Sunset January 2, 2025.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to nurse staffing.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall convene a work group to study po-**
5 **tential legislative or regulatory means for establishing staffing committees or minimum,**
6 **specific and numeric nurse to patient ratios by nurse license classification for:**

7 (a) **Home health agencies;**

8 (b) **Hospice programs;**

9 (c) **Home infusion agencies;**

10 (d) **Public health agencies;**

11 (e) **Correctional facilities; and**

12 (f) **Ambulatory surgical centers.**

13 (2) **The members of the work group must include representation by the Oregon Nurses**
14 **Association, the Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems and all affected**
15 **stakeholders.**

16 (3) **The authority shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and may**
17 **include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative As-**
18 **sembly related to health no later than September 15, 2024.**

19 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2025.**
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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.