

# House Bill 3266

Sponsored by Representatives HELFRICH, STOUT; Representative WRIGHT

## 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**.

Directs Oregon Health Authority, in consultation with Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine, Oregon Medical Board and Oregon State Board of Nursing, to study shortages of licensed health care providers in medically underserved areas of this state. Requires report to interim committee of Legislative Assembly related to health care.

Sunsets January 2, 2024.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to shortages of licensed health care providers; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. The Oregon Health Authority, in consultation with the Oregon Board of**  
5 **Naturopathic Medicine, the Oregon Medical Board and the Oregon State Board of Nursing,**  
6 **shall study shortages of licensed health care providers in medically underserved areas of this**  
7 **state. As a result of the study, the authority shall detail proposed strategies and program-**  
8 **ming to address the shortage of licensed health care providers in medically underserved**  
9 **areas of this state that focus on recruitment, retention, mentoring and professional devel-**  
10 **opment for physicians, naturopathic physicians and nurse practitioners in medically under-**  
11 **served areas of this state. The authority shall submit findings and recommendations to an**  
12 **interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to health care not later than Decem-**  
13 **ber 31, 2023.**

14 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2024.**

15 **SECTION 3. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
16 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect**  
17 **on its passage.**

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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.