A-Engrossed House Bill 3324

Ordered by the House April 7 Including House Amendments dated April 7

Sponsored by Representative NELSON; Representatives DIEHL, MANNIX, PHAM K, SOSA, Senator PATTERSON

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.

Directs Oregon Health Authority to establish [program] Nurse Educator Workforce Stipend Program to provide incentives to nurse instructors.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

2 Relating to nursing programs; and prescribing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall establish the Nurse Educator Workforce Stipend Program to provide incentives to increase the recruitment and retention of nursing program faculty members, including nurse educators, nurse educator associates, adjunct faculty and nursing program administrators, at accredited institutions of post-secondary education in this state. The incentives provided must include, but are not limited to, increasing the salary of the nursing program faculty members described in this subsection.

(2) The authority may adopt rules to carry out this section.

SECTION 2. The Nursing Programs Salary Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Nursing Programs Salary Fund shall be credited to the fund. The fund consists of moneys appropriated to the fund by the Legislative Assembly and gifts, grants or other moneys contributed to the fund by any source, whether public or private. Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority to carry out the provisions of section 1 of this 2023 Act.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$16,000,000 for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of section 1 of this 2023 Act.

<u>SECTION 4.</u> This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2023 regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

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