

# Senate Bill 484

Sponsored by Senators PATTERSON, LIEBER (Pre-session 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 administer program to offer financial incentives to increase number of nurses in Oregon including by paying stipends to hospitals that provide clinical training opportunities to nurses.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the shortage of nurses.

3       Whereas Oregon hospitals have thousands of nursing positions that the hospitals have been un-  
4 able to fill; and

5       Whereas more nurses are needed and clinical placements are a critical part of nurses' educa-  
6 tional process; and

7       Whereas there has long been a shortage of clinical placements, which constrains the growth of  
8 the nursing workforce; and

9       Whereas the shortage of clinical placements was exacerbated by the COVID-19 emergency; now,  
10 therefore,

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

12       **SECTION 1.** (1) **The Oregon Health Authority shall administer a program to offer finan-**  
13 **cial incentives designed to increase the number of nurses in this state. The program must**  
14 **include stipends for hospitals that provide clinical training opportunities, paid on a per-**  
15 **student basis for each nurse participating in the hospital's clinical training program.**

16       (2) **The authority shall adopt rules to carry out the provisions of this section.**

17       **SECTION 2.** **In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**  
18 **ated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the**  
19 **General Fund, the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_**, which may be expended for carrying out the pro-  
20 **visions of section 1 of this 2023 Act.**

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