

HB 3220 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires the Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN) to adopt rules to require a specified student-to-faculty ratio in the clinical component of nursing education programs.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Clarifies student-to-faculty ratios.

BACKGROUND:

The COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated already strained workforces throughout the health care sector, including nursing. An accompanying shortage of nurse faculty to teach and train new nurses contributes to the acuity of the nursing workforce shortage - a 2023 report by the Oregon Longitudinal Data Collaborative found that only 23 percent of nursing applicants were accepted in Oregon nursing programs in 2020 due largely to capacity limitations in those programs.

House Bill 3220 requires the Oregon State Board of Nursing to adopt rules requiring a specified student-to-faculty ratio in the clinical component of nursing education programs.