

SB 842 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure increases the annual license fees that hospitals pay to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), makes information obtained during an intake, triage, or investigation of a complaint confidential, and allows OHA to accept federal certifications and accreditations in lieu of in-person inspections if a facility provides summary documentation within a specified timeframe.

Detailed Summary:

Increases annual license fees paid by hospitals to OHA:

- For hospitals with fewer than 26 beds, the license fee is \$6,250.
- For hospitals with 26-49 beds, the license fee is \$9,250.
- For hospitals with 50-99 beds, the license fee is \$14,000.
- For hospitals with 100-199 beds, the license fee is \$32,625.
- For hospitals with 200-499 beds, the license fee is \$42,500.
- For hospitals with 500 or more beds, the license fee is \$60,350.
- For hospitals with a satellite indorsed under the hospital license, the fee is \$3,750 per satellite.
- For hospitals that fail to pay a renewal license fee, OHA may assess a late fee of up to \$1,250 in addition to the required renewal license fee.

Makes information obtained during an intake, triage, or investigation of a complaint or reported violation confidential. Permits OHA to accept federal certifications and accreditations in lieu of in-person inspections if a facility provides summary documentation to the agency within 30 days of receipt. Repeals fees charged for investigation and compliance activities. Becomes effective October 1, 2025.

Fiscal impact: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue impact: No revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The [Health Facility Licensing and Certification Program](#) (HFLC), housed within the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is responsible for regulating hospitals and other types of non-long term care health care facilities and agencies. [ORS 441.020](#) sets the annual license fees that hospitals must pay to OHA. Current annual hospital license fees range from \$1,250 to \$12,070.

Senate Bill 842 increases the annual license fee that a hospital must pay to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), makes information obtained during an intake, triage, or investigation of a complaint confidential, and allows OHA to accept federal certifications and accreditations in lieu of in-person inspections if a facility provides summary documentation within a specified timeframe.