

HB 3942 A -A2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) to provide an expedited licensure process for health care facilities in specified circumstances.

Detailed Summary:

- Requires OHA and DHS to provide an expedited licensure process for health care facilities that:
 - Were previously licensed in last 24 months;
 - Closed voluntarily due to financial hardship;
 - Will operate in the same location with no major changes; and
 - In the case of a new operator, currently operates a health care facility of the same type in the state that is in good standing.
- Requires expedited licensure process to issue licensure within 45 days if conditions are met.
- Permits applicant to operate facility with a provisional license upon attestation that applicant and facility meet all applicable health and safety rules. Requires OHA or ODHS to conduct an on-site inspection prior to issuing a provisional license.
- Specifies that expedited license cannot be issued if facility requires a certificate of need that has not been obtained.
- Takes effect 91st day following adjournment sine die.

House Vote: Ayes, 53; Nays, 1.

Fiscal Impact: Minimal fiscal impact.

Revenue Impact: No Revenue Impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-A2 Expands the definition of "applicant" to include affiliated entities. Adds a specific health and safety requirement for provisional licenses.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Health Authority's Health Facility Licensing and Certification Program (HFLC) is responsible for licensing and regulating certain types of non-long term care health care facilities. Facilities regulated by the HFLC include hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, federally qualified health centers, and rural health clinics. The Oregon Department of Human Services is responsible for licensing and regulating long term care facilities, including adult foster homes, residential care facilities, assisted living facilities, and nursing homes.

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