

House Bill 2993

Sponsored by Representative NELSON; Representative MUNOZ (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**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act tells the OMB and OSBN to offer classes and forms to help health care providers communicate with their patients. (Flesch Readability Score: 68.6).

Directs the Oregon Medical Board and Oregon State Board of Nursing to offer language education to health care providers regulated by the boards and make available patient forms in languages patients can comfortably communicate.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to linguistically appropriate health care.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) In order to increase the number of health care providers who can com-**
5 **municate fluently with patients in the patient's language, the Oregon Medical Board and the**
6 **Oregon State Board of Nursing shall, in conjunction, establish a program to offer language**
7 **education to health care providers regulated by the boards.**

8 **(2) The boards shall collaborate, and may contract with third parties as necessary, to**
9 **ensure that any forms required to be completed by a patient of a health care provider regu-**
10 **lated by the boards are available in the patient's first language or a language in which the**
11 **patient can comfortably communicate.**

12 **(3) The boards may determine by rule the specific languages in which to offer the edu-**
13 **cation and the forms described in this section.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.