



OHCA PRIORITY BILLS MOVE FORWARD

House Bill 4016: Uniform Care Standards and EMS Innovation Pilot Project

Following a resounding 17-point victory in November on a local ballot measure in McMinnville that repealed a series of fees, fines, and taxes on long term care providers, OHCA is pursuing a state policy that would prevent similar actions by local governments statewide. The concept will be added to House Bill 4016, which had a public hearing on Tuesday. OHCA's Phil Bentley testified in support of the concept. On Thursday, the bill was moved to the House Rules Committee, which is not impacted by legislative deadlines allowing for further work on the bill. OHCA's government relations team continues to preview the issue for legislators and various stakeholders.

Senate Bill 1526: Administrator Licensing Fix

Senate Bill 1526 provides the Oregon Health Authority's Health Licensing Office with the flexibility in determining how administrators can prove their educational requirements. The current interpretation is that prospective licensees would need to provide physical copies of their high school diplomas in order to fulfill the

requirement. On Monday, the Senate unanimously passed the bill. It now heads to the House Health Care Committee for further consideration. As a reminder, the administrator licensing requirement does not take effect until January 1, 2022.

Economic and Revenue Forecast Relatively Stable

On Wednesday, the first quarterly economic and revenue forecast of the new year was presented by the state's Office of Economic Analysis. The forecast was relatively stable, with an uptick in the amount of available general fund and lottery resources. However, most of these gains are already accounted for in budget adjustments in a variety of programs including wildfire mitigation and preparedness. The state's economists also noted a decreased risk of a recession in the coming year due to relaxing trade tensions.

Contact OHCA with Questions

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