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## SUMMARY

Increases fees to take nursing examination and renew nursing license.

Establishes Oregon Nursing Advancement Fund. Directs that moneys in fund be remitted to nonprofit organization that supports advancement of nursing profession in Oregon.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to fees for nursing license.

3 Whereas the advancement of the profession of nursing is important to the  
4 health of the residents of this state; and

5 Whereas the Oregon Center for Nursing works to advance the profession  
6 of nursing in this state through research, leadership development, educa-  
7 tional support and advocacy for nursing; and

8 Whereas the center conducts research studies on the nursing workforce  
9 in this state, including projected supply and demand of nurses and workforce  
10 shortages in nursing education and practice; and

11 Whereas the center distributes information free of charge about the  
12 nursing workforce in this state to residents of this state; and

13 Whereas the center convenes nursing organizations to address issues and  
14 recommendations identified through nursing workforce research; now, there-  
15 fore,

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

17 **SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon State Board of Nursing shall impose**  
18 **an additional \$9 fee for each examination fee and each license renewal**  
19 **fee charged under ORS 678.410 for a registered nurse or a licensed**  
20 **practical nurse for the purposes specified in subsection (2) of this**

1 **section.**

2 **(2) The additional fees imposed on examination fees and license re-**  
3 **newals by subsection (1) of this section shall be credited to the Oregon**  
4 **Nursing Advancement Fund established by section 2 of this 2015 Act.**

5 **SECTION 2. (1) The Oregon Nursing Advancement Fund is estab-**  
6 **lished separate and distinct from the General Fund for the purposes**  
7 **specified in subsection (2) of this section. Interest earned by the**  
8 **Oregon Nursing Advancement Fund shall be credited to the fund.**  
9 **Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the fund.**

10 **(2) The principal amount accrued in the fund shall be remitted once**  
11 **per year on a date established by rule of the Oregon State Board of**  
12 **Nursing to an Oregon nonprofit organization that:**

13 **(a) Works to advance the profession of nursing; research, leadership**  
14 **development, educational support and advocacy for nursing;**

15 **(b) Conducts research studies on the nursing workforce in this**  
16 **state, including projected supply and demand of nurses and workforce**  
17 **shortages in nursing education and practice;**

18 **(c) Distributes information free of charge about the nursing**  
19 **workforce in this state to residents of this state; and**

20 **(d) Convenes nursing organizations to address issues and recom-**  
21 **mendations identified through nursing workforce research.**

22 **SECTION 3. Section 1 of this 2015 Act applies to examinations ad-**  
23 **ministered and license renewals made on or after the effective date**  
24 **of this 2015 Act.**

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