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House Committee on Health Care

Senate Bill 67

The Oregon State Board of Nursing wishes to submit testimony regarding Senate Bill 67. The purpose of the bill is to eliminate unnecessary definitions and update terms to better reflect modern medical practice.

The current language regarding ambulatory surgical centers, conscious sedation, and anesthesia in ORS 678.362 is outdated and inaccurate. The section contains a definition of ambulatory surgical centers that is unneeded since they are properly defined in Oregon Health Authority rule. Ambulatory surgical centers are regulated by the OHA, not the Board of Nursing.

In addition, collaboration in 2017 between the OHA, the Board of Nursing, the Oregon Ambulatory Surgery Center Association, and other stakeholders resulted in an agreement to change outdated terms in statute for conscious sedation and anesthesia.

The bill changes language in ORS 678.362 to remove the definition for ambulatory surgical centers, and change the terms “conscious sedation” to “moderate sedation,” and “anesthesia” to “general anesthesia.”

We anticipate there will be no fiscal impact as a result of this bill, and we have received support or statements of neutrality from several stakeholders. There is no known opposition.

The Board would be happy to answer any questions the Committee may have. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony regarding SB 67.