

**SB 64 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Beyer

**Senate Committee On Health Care**

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**Action Date:** 02/04/19

**Action:** Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

**Vote:** 4-0-1-0

**Yeas:** 4 - Beyer, Fagan, Linthicum, Monnes Anderson

**Exc:** 1 - Knopp

**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/4

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Updates miscellaneous provisions to clarify that Oregon State Board of Nursing (Board) grants license, not certification or registration, as authorization to practice as nurse practitioner. Clarifies that Board approves nursing education programs. Clarifies Board fee-setting authority. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Accreditation versus approval of nursing programs
- Confusion regarding "certification" terminology

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

Clarifies language to align with current school nurse licensing practices.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Oregon State Board of Nursing (Board) safeguards the public's health and well-being by providing guidance for, and regulation of, entry into the profession, nursing education, and continuing safe practices. The Board provides licensure or certification for registered nurses (RN), licensed practical nurses (LPN), nurse practitioners (NP), certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNA), clinical nurse specialists (CNS), certified nursing assistants (CNA), and certified medication aides (CMA).

Senate Bill 64 updates various statutory provisions to clarify that the Board provides licensure to nurse practitioners and approves nursing education programs.