

SB 127 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Monnes Anderson

Senate Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 04/01/19
Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)
Vote: 3-0-2-0
Yeas: 3 - Beyer, Linthicum, Monnes Anderson
Exc: 2 - Fagan, Knopp
Fiscal: No fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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Meeting Dates: 4/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Changes term "nurse midwife nurse practitioner" to "nurse practitioner specializing in nurse midwifery."

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Relating to clause issues with proposed amendments to Senate Bill 65
- Confusion regarding "nurse midwife nurse practitioner" versus "certified nurse midwife" terminology and usage
- Ability to provide additional desired clarity in rule

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces measure.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon State Board of Nursing (Board) licenses three types of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs): nurse practitioners (NPs), certified registered nurse anesthetists, and clinical nurse specialists. In order to hold an APRN certification in Oregon, all nurses must also apply for and maintain an Oregon Registered Nurse (RN) license. For nurse practitioners, the Oregon Nurse Practice Act recognizes thirteen different specialties, including nurse midwife nurse practitioner.

Senate Bill 127-A changes the term "nurse midwife nurse practitioner" to "nurse practitioner specializing in nurse midwifery."