

**SB 64 B STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Health Care**

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**Action Date:** 05/09/19

**Action:** Do pass with amendments to the A-Eng bill. (Printed B-Eng.)

**Vote:** 11-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 11 - Alonso Leon, Boles, Drazan, Greenlick, Hayden, Keny-Guyer, Mitchell, Noble, Nosse, Prusak, Salinas

**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/18, 5/7, 5/9

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

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

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Provisions of the measure
- National certification for advanced nurse practitioners
- Amendment

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

Resolves conflicts with Senate Bill 16, Senate Bill 127, and Senate Bill 66.

**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 regulates registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, nurse practitioners, certified registered nurse anesthetists, clinical nurse specialists, certified nursing assistants, and certified medication aides. The Board is also responsible for approving nursing education programs. According to the Board, this function is currently described in statute as both "approval" and "accreditation;" however, the Board is not responsible for accrediting institutions of higher education.

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