

SB 39 -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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Meeting Dates: 2/8, 2/22

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Updates definition of "practice of nursing." Changes time of deadline for renewal of licensure and authority to prescribe from 12:01am to 11:59pm. Clarifies State Board of Nursing's rulemaking authority. Removes references to "noninjectable medication." Clarifies controlled substances that authorized nurse may prescribe. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

REVENUE: Has minimal revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Evolving role of nurses
- Confusion regarding current license expiration time
- Development of new drug schedules
- Stakeholder feedback

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-3 Clarifies definition of "practice of nursing" to include additional services recognized by the Board and requiring additional education and training. Clarifies requirements for rules providing for delegation of nursing care.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN) regulates the practice of nursing in the state, including evaluation and approval of nursing education programs, issuance of licenses and renewals, and investigation of complaints and discipline of violations. OSBN licenses and certifies seven differing nursing occupations: registered nurses (RN), licensed practical nurses (LPN), clinical nurse specialists (CNS), certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNA), nurse practitioners, certified nursing assistants (CNA), and certified medication aides (CMA). In 2020, OSB had over 99,000 licensees.

Senate Bill 39 modifies provisions in the Oregon Nurse Practice Act, including updating the definition of "practice of nursing" and clarifying renewal deadlines.