

SB 40 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires clinical component in nursing education for licensure by indorsement. Allows Oregon State Board of Nursing to define “clinical component” by rule. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Senate Vote: *Passed. Ayes, 28; Nays, 2 (Boquist, Heard)*

REVENUE: *No revenue impact*

FISCAL: *No fiscal impact*

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Increase in nursing education programs
- Importance of clinical experience as licensing requirement

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

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, OSBN had over 99,000 licensees.

Senate Bill 40 requires nursing license applicants to have graduated from a program that includes a clinical component.