

**SB 226 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Health Care**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Removes the requirement that the Oregon State Board of Nursing notify the State Board of Pharmacy when an application by a nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist to dispense prescription drugs is approved. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Oregon State Board of Nursing provides authorization to write prescriptions to nurse practitioners and clinical nurse specialists who apply. Upon approving an application, the Board of Nursing must immediately notify the Board of Pharmacy. This occurs each month when a database maintained by the Board of Nursing is shared with the Board of Pharmacy. The requirement to share approval of dispensing authority does not apply to any other licensing board.

Senate Bill 226 removes the requirement that the Oregon State Board of Nursing notify the State Board of Pharmacy when a nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist is approved to dispense prescription drugs.