

HB 3596 -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows person to practice surgical technology at health care facility if person has completed and is certified by specified apprenticeship program. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- HB 4106 (2022)
- Department of Justice guidance during rulemaking process
- Examination requirements for certification regardless of pathway
- Safety concerns with apprenticeship pathway without certification of educational components

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-3 Requires surgical technician apprenticeship program to include educational component.

FISCAL: Has minimal fiscal impact

REVENUE: No revenue impact

BACKGROUND:

Surgical technologists work in hospitals and assist surgeons during surgery by passing them sterile supplies and instruments. They prepare operating rooms for surgery, including making sure supplies are sterile and ready for use, and maintaining a sterile environment in the operating room. House Bill 2876 (2015) established educational, certification, and continuing education requirements for surgical technicians in Oregon. House Bill 4106 (2022) established an apprenticeship path to become certified as a surgical technologist.

House 3596 would clarify the allowable practice of surgical technology at health care facilities by individuals who have completed and are certified by an apprenticeship program.