

**SB 703 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires passage of examination developed by National Council of Boards of Nursing, or its successor organization, for certification as nursing assistant. Requires Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN) to offer examination in English and Spanish. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

*FISCAL: No fiscal impact*

*REVENUE: No revenue impact*

*SENATE VOTE: Ayes, 25; Nays, 4; Excused, 1*

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN) regulates the practice of nursing in the state, including licensing or certifying registered nurses (RN), licensed practical nurses (LPN), clinical nurse specialists (APRN-CNS), certified registered nurse anesthetists (APRN-CRNA), nurse practitioners (APR-NP), certified nursing assistants (CNA), and certified medication aides (CMA). In addition to complete of approved training, current Oregon law requires passage of an OSBN-approved examination for certification as a nursing assistant.

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing develops content for licensing and certification examinations for various nursing professions, including the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for LPN and RN, the National Nurse Aide Assessment Program (NNAAP) for CNA, and Medication Aide Certification Examination (MACE) for CMA. The NNAAP is currently used by 14 other states, including California and Washington.

Senate Bill 703 would require nursing assistant candidates to pass an examination developed by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing.