

**HB 3596 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Health Care**

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**Meeting Dates:** 5/3

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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. Requires surgical technician apprenticeship program to include educational component. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

*REVENUE: No revenue impact*

*FISCAL: Has minimal fiscal impact*

*House vote: Ayes, 40; Nays, 17; Excused, 2*

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**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 Bill 3596 A clarifies the allowable practice of surgical technology at health care facilities by individuals who have completed and are certified by an apprenticeship program that includes an educational component.