

HB 3425 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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Meeting Dates: 4/26, 5/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Oregon State Board of Nursing to issue license to practice as certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA) to qualified applicant. Prohibits unlicensed practice or use of name or title. Specifies that CRNA scope of practice includes authority to prescribe prescription drugs if CRNA is authorized by board to prescribe. Removes limits on location of practice. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

House Vote: Ayes, 58; Excused, 2.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Provides that a certified registered nurse anesthetist may not use the title "anesthesiologist."

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN) protects the public by regulating nursing education, licensure, and practice. The OSBN regulates seven nursing occupations: registered nurse (RN), licensed practical nurse (LPN), clinical nurse specialist (CNS), certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA), nurse practitioner (NP), certified nursing assistant (CNA), and certified medication aide (CMA). CRNAs are advanced practice registered nurses who have post-baccalaureate nurse anesthetist education.

House Bill 3425 directs the Oregon State Board of Nursing to issue a license to practice as a certified registered nurse anesthetist to qualified applicants.