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House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care

Senate Bill 226

The Oregon State Board of Nursing wishes to submit testimony in support of Senate Bill 226. The purpose of the bill is to delete the requirement in ORS 678.390(2) for the OSBN to provide notice to the Board of Pharmacy (BOP) of every dispensing authority granted to APRNs. Dispensing authority is different from prescriptive authority; “dispensing” means to provide medications directly to the client, bypassing the pharmacist and pharmacy, in compliance with state and federal rules.

The current language is from the days when dispensing authority was new to advanced practice nurses. The language required the Board of Pharmacy to be informed when an advanced practice nurse applied for and was granted dispensing authority. This was automatically reported monthly via our database to the Board of Pharmacy. In discussions with the Board of Pharmacy, this data is no longer needed and is not collected from any other Board whose licensees have dispensing authority. Both boards agree that this requirement does not serve any public safety interest and we are requesting deletion of this unnecessary language.

We anticipate there will be no fiscal impact because of this bill. There is no known opposition.

The Board would be happy to answer any questions the Committee may have. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony regarding SB 226.