

HB 3044 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure clarifies definitions for terms related to the practice of nursing and makes changes to the authorities of the Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN).

Detailed Summary

- Defines "Advanced Practice Registered Nurse" and "Medication aide;" clarifies definition of "diagnosing."
- Clarifies the circumstances in which nurse may practice on temporary assignment with the Nurse Practice Act applying.
- Allows OSBN to define health care provider by rule for purposes of a nurse executing a medical order.
- Clarifies the circumstances in which the OSBN may issue a limited license.
- Permits OSBN to refund fees at Board's discretion.
- Clarifies OSBN's authority to revoke, suspend, deny, or impose conditions on a license.
- Clarifies elements to be included in OSBN rules regarding delegation of authorized duties.
- Allows OSBN to intermittently survey nursing assistant training programs.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

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EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

- Clarifies language.
- Clarifies eligibility criteria for nurse internship license.

-1 *FISCAL:* No fiscal impact

REVENUE: No revenue impact

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Board of Nursing (OSBN) aims to protect the public through regulating and promoting the wellness of the state's nursing professionals. OSBN issues licenses or certifications to seven nursing occupations: registered nurse (RN), licensed practical nurse (LPN), clinical nurse specialist (APRN-CNS), certified registered nurse anesthetist (APRN-CRNA), nurse practitioner (APRN-NP), certified nursing assistant (CNA), and certified medication aide (CMA). According to OSBN, the agency licenses over 92,000 nurses and nearly 20,000 nursing assistants.

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