

HB 3044 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On 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 nurses may practice on temporary assignment.
- Allows OSBN to define "health care provider" by rule for purposes of nurses executing medical orders.
- Clarifies the circumstances in which 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.

HOUSE VOTE: Ayes, 53; Nays, 0.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon State 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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