

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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| Action: | Do Pass and Be Placed on the Consent Calendar |
| Vote: | 6 - 0 - 3 |
| Yeas: | Bonamici, Bruun, Gelser, Kotek, Maurer, Greenlick |
| Nays: | 0 |
| Exc.: | Cannon, Flores, Richardson |
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| Meeting Dates: | 5/14 |

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows the State Board of Nursing to abstain from imposing discipline on licensees who voluntarily seek treatment for chemical dependency or emotional or physical problems if board finds that licensee poses no danger to public health, safety or welfare.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Review of Board of Nursing and Department of Justice interim report
- Recommendations cited in the report
- Review of Nurse Monitoring Program

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Current law, ORS 678.112, establishes the first condition for participating in the Nurse Monitoring Program (NMP); it allows the State Board of Nursing to abstain from imposing discipline on licensees who seek treatment for chemical dependency or emotional or physical problems but who do not pose a threat to public health. The board has described its mission as going beyond protecting public health to also include protection of safety and welfare. The two statements describe different conduct because, for example, theft from a bedridden patient does not pose a threat to public health but it does to safety and welfare.

SB 433 statutorily conforms the preconditions for participation in the NMP to the board's mission.