

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Carter, Gordly, Kruse, President Courtney, Monnes Anderson
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/14

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Other states' models for monitoring nurses
- Feasibility of a body, independent of the Board of Nursing, to monitor nurses

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 board to abstain from imposing discipline on licensees who seek treatment but do not pose a threat to public health. The board has described its mission to go beyond protecting public health but 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. This measure statutorily conforms the preconditions for participation in the NMP to the board's mission.