

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: No fiscal impact**

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass and Be Placed on the Consent Calendar
<b>Vote:</b>	6 - 0 - 4
<b>Yeas:</b>	Cannon, Dembrow, Garrett, Harker, Kotek, Greenlick
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	Bruun, Kennemer, Maurer, Thompson
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	3/6

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Deletes the requirement that the Oregon Board of Nursing issue a wallet-sized license and allows the Board to determine by rule the form and manner of licensure evidence.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- On-line verification of nursing personnel status provides better security of information
- On-line verification assures nursing personnel information is current

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** The Oregon Board of Nursing determines licensure and certification requirements and issues licenses and renewals. Currently, the Board must provide wallet-sized licenses to applicants as evidence of current licensure. Wallet-sized cards are subject to fraud, loss, and theft, and information can be out-of-date if the license holder is subjected to discipline measures before the wallet-sized license expires. In addition, employers are subject to civil penalty under OAR 851-045-0025 for employing a person without a current Oregon license. Three other states, Maryland, New Hampshire, and North Carolina, have eliminated license cards and other states are considering the change.