

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
Vote: 5 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Bonamici, Dingfelder, Kruse, Whitsett, Prozanski
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 5/19

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires a registered nurse to report certain injuries to a medical examiner.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Existing “mandatory reporter” classes
- Nurses currently facing liability for making what would otherwise be a mandatory report
- Frequency with which nurses, over and above doctors and other mandatory reporters, encounter physical evidence of abuse

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: ORS 146.750 requires any physician, including residents and interns, who has probable cause to believe that a person coming before that physician has been injured in a non accidental way, to report such injury immediately to an appropriate medical examiner. House Bill 2014-A expands this requirement to cover registered nurses.

For the purposes of this section, “injury” is defined as a physical injury caused by a knife, gun, pistol or other dangerous or deadly weapon, or a serious physical injury. "Serious physical injury" is a physical injury which creates a substantial risk of death or which causes serious and protracted disfigurement, protracted impairment of health or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily organ.