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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows Oregon State Board of Nursing to use results of nursing assistant examination for continuing education of applicants for certification as a nursing assistant.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Oregon only state that does not share test result information with students
- Benefits to students in sharing test results
- Examinations given by third party contractor
- Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) examination components
- Department of Justice (DOJ) letters to Board of Nursing (BON) stipulating public records law prohibits BON, as a licensing agency, from providing examination results to students
- DOJ interpretation allows agency to only provide name of the skill, not the actual step or steps, that were missed by student
- Proponents assert potential loss of future workforce due to lack of feedback and cost of re-examination without knowledge of specific improvement areas

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Modifies provision to allow the Oregon State Board of Nursing to use examination results of a nursing assistant for continuing education of applicants for certification as a nursing assistant.

BACKGROUND: There are two levels of training programs for CNAs through the Oregon State Board of Nursing. The CNA 1 training program consists of twenty-four hours of classroom instruction prior to students' care of clients and additional classroom instruction and a competency evaluation for the completion of the training requirements. In addition, prior to being permitted to give direct client care, the nursing assistant student must successfully complete a skills checklist.

The CNA 2 training is available to a CNA 1 to prepare for a role in one or more of Board approved category areas. A CNA 2 training program will include a Board approved standardized curriculum and competency evaluation. This program consists of knowledge, skills and abilities at a greater depth than a level 1 training program. CNA 2 will hold a current, unencumbered Oregon CNA 1 certificate; be listed by name on the CNA registry; and assist licensed nursing personnel in the provision of nursing care. Additionally, a CNA 2 must be regularly supervised by a licensed nurse and all skills and tasks are to be performed at the direction of the licensed nurse. The curriculum for a CNA 2 is at least thirty hours of classroom/lab that incorporates throughout the training the concepts of safety and preventing complications, communicating patient/resident responses to nurses and documenting/recording outcomes of patient/resident care.

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