

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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| Action: | Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure |
| Vote: | 5 - 0 - 0 |
| Yeas: | Bates, Kruse, Morse, Shields, Monnes Anderson |
| Nays: | 0 |
| Exc.: | 0 |
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| Meeting Dates: | 5/9 |

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Attorney General opinion on the release of test information
- Potential positive impact on test results

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Oregon's nursing assistant examination is comprised of both written and skill sections. According to the Board, in Fiscal Year 2010, 3,390 students took the exam; 96 percent of test takers passed the written exam, while only 65 percent passed the skills portion on the first attempt. This ranked Oregon last in student pass-rate percentage for first time test takers.

House Bill 3220-A allows the Board to share results of examinations with applicants to assist them in retaking the exam. Current law limits the amount of information the Board can share with test takers regarding failed examinations.