

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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| Action: | Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed |
| Vote: | 9 - 0 - 0 |
| Yeas: | Clem, Conger, Harker, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Thompson, Weidner, Greenlick |
| Nays: | 0 |
| Exc.: | 0 |
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| Meeting Dates: | 2/20, 3/1 |

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes nonresident nurses licensed and in good standing in another state to provide volunteer services related to practice of medicine or nursing in this state under specified circumstances. Clarifies nonresident nurse practicing under the statute may not prescribe drugs unless approved by Oregon State Board of Nursing. Limits nonresident nurses to two temporary assignments not to exceed five days in any 12 month period.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Physicians can enact this concept by rule
- Types of events where volunteer medical professionals are valuable

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Deletes provisions relating to physicians. Clarifies nonresident nurse practicing under the statute may not prescribe drugs unless approved by Oregon State Board of Nursing. Limits nonresident nurses to two temporary assignments not to exceed five days in any 12 month period.

BACKGROUND: The practice of nursing in the State of Oregon is limited to authorized and qualified individuals who are properly licensed in Oregon. While there are limited exceptions to the licensing requirement, such as military personnel, there is no exception allowing for volunteer nurses to serve in Oregon.

Volunteer medical professionals are often used for emergency response and to provide services to low-income or isolated communities through events like health fairs.

House Bill 2691-A creates an exception which allows nurses licensed and in good standing in another state to provide not more than five days of volunteer service in Oregon twice each year.

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