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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes Oregon State Board of Nursing (BON) to allow certified registered nurse anesthetist to prescribe drugs. Authorizes BON to determine scope of allowance and assess fees as necessary. Allows BON to determine procedure and grounds for emergency license suspension. Establishes pharmacotherapeutics education requirements. Specifies certified registered nurse anesthetist may prescribe for no more than 10-day supply with no refills, and prescribe only for established client or patient.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Other advanced practice registered nurses with prescriptive authority
- CRNAs skill and practicing at top of license
- Six-year study conducted in Washington state
- Examples of when CRNAs would use prescriptive authority
- Potential of unintended consequences
- Challenges between CRNAs and anesthesiologists
- Proposed amendment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND: Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) is an advanced practice registered nurse who has acquired graduate-level education and board certification in anesthesia. Currently, Oregon CRNAs are authorized to independently select, order and administer medications within the care setting. There is a wide variability in CRNA prescriptive authority. In 2005, Washington State passed a law allowing CRNAs to prescribe narcotics and saw a limited registration to utilize the authority. Supporters assert that granting prescriptive authority ensures that CRNAs in Oregon can practice at the top of their license and expand the continuum of care CRNAs can provide to patients.

Senate Bill 136-A authorizes the Oregon State Board of Nursing to allow CRNAs, upon meeting all requirements, to write prescriptions.

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