

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure  
**Vote:** 4 - 0 - 1  
**Yeas:** Knopp, Shields, Steiner Hayward, Monnes Anderson  
**Nays:** 0  
**Exc.:** Kruse  
**Prepared By:** Sandy Thiele-Cirka, Administrator  
**Meeting Dates:** 5/6

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Exempts nonresident nurse from Oregon licensing requirement if nurse is licensed and in good standing in another state, nurse is practicing in this state without compensation on no more than two temporary assignments not to exceed five days in any 12-month period and assignments are for general public benefit. Sunsets January 1, 2020.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Veteran Stand Down events
- Other professions allowed to volunteer
- Clarification of sunset date

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**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 allowing licensed nurses in good standing in another state to provide not more than five days of volunteer service in Oregon twice each year.