

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass

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: 5/6, 5/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Removes lack of access to pharmacy services criteria from prescription dispensing authority for nurse practitioners (NPs) and certified clinical nurse specialists (CNSs).

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current prescriptive authority of NPs and CNSs and statutory requirements for dispensing
- Provisions of the bill
- Personal story of delayed treatment because nurses could not dispense in urban setting

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Currently, nurse practitioners (NPs) and clinical nurse specialists (CNSs) have certification and prescriptive authority through the Oregon State Board of Nursing (Oregon Revised Statute 678.390). NPs and CNSs are independent providers and prescribers in Oregon; a co-signature by a physician is not required for prescriptions. Current statute requires NPs and CNSs seeking to dispense prescription drugs show a lack of readily available access to pharmacy services based on specified location criteria.

Senate Bill 8 removes the lack of access requirement for NPs and CNSs dispensing pre-packaged medications.