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Yeas:	Clem, Conger, Harker, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Thompson, Weidner, Greenlick
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Meeting Dates:	4/22, 5/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs) to deliver certain services without medical collaboration in connection with procedures performed in a location where medical, surgical or dental services are rendered, other than ambulatory surgical center or hospital.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Intent of current legislation which is silent as to office practice of CRNAs
- Role of CRNAs in delivering office anesthesia services
- Cost savings of utilizing CRNAs in office services
- Definition of “medical collaboration”

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Currently, Oregon law specifies guidelines for Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) to follow when practicing in an ambulatory surgical center and/or a hospital, but it is silent on office practice settings. CRNAs have practiced in all settings, including dentists, podiatrists, ophthalmologists, plastic surgeons and women’s health care offices.

Proponents received a legal opinion that legislative language should be pursued that codifies CRNAs authority to practice in office settings. Senate Bill 210 grants that authority.