

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Senate Health Care

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 4/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires hospitals to adopt rules granting admitting privileges to Nurse Midwife Nurse Practitioners (NMNPs). Specifies that the adopted rules must include admitting privileges, be consistent with other medical staff privileges, permit NMNPs voting rights and address the governing of NMNPs credentialing.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Nurse Midwife Nurse Practitioners (NMNPs), also known as certified nurse midwives, are advanced practice, registered nurses who provide counseling and care during pre-conception, pregnancy, childbirth and the postpartum period. Currently, ORS 441.064 specifies that any hospital in the state, by rule, may grant admitting privileges to nurse practitioners, licensed and certified, for purposes of patient care, subject to hospital and medical staff bylaws, rules and regulations governing admissions and staff privileges.