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The Oregon State Board of Nursing wishes to submit informational testimony regarding House Bill 2541-A. The purpose of the bill is to require a physician, physician assistant or individual licensed to practice nursing, to be present at blood drives.

According to the Nurse Practice Act (OAR 851-045-0030(2)(c)), 'comprehensive assessment' means the extensive collection and analysis of data for assessment that involves, but is not limited to, the synthesis of the biological, psychological, social, sexual, economic, cultural and spiritual aspects of the client's condition or needs, within the environment of practice for the purpose of establishing nursing diagnostic statements, and developing, implementing and evaluating a plan of care.

So the question of whether a nurse is needed during a blood drive depends on how the determination of donor suitability is made. If a pre-determined algorithm is employed that requires no decision making on the part of the blood drive personnel, then a nurse probably isn't needed. However, if someone gathers data and a decision regarding suitability is made based on a review and interpretation of that data, a nurse (or other authorized medical personnel) should be making the assessment.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony regarding House Bill 2541-A.