

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
Senate Committee On Health Care

MEASURE: SB 284
CARRIER: Sen. Monnes Anderson

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact
Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 02/11/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 02/11

Senate

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Prohibits use of title “Certified Nursing Assistant” (CNA), “Nursing Assistant,” “Nurse Aid,” or the abbreviation “CNA” unless the individual has successfully completed a program approved by the Oregon State Board of Nursing (Board) and is certified by the Board. Specifies that an individual who is currently enrolled in a training program approved by the Board may use the title “Student Nursing Assistant.” Specifies that an individual who has successfully completed a program approved by the Board and who is employed by a nursing facility may use the title “Nursing Assistant” or “Nursing Aide” for a period of up to 120 days beginning on the date the nursing facility hired the individual.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- The tile “Nurse” is a ubiquitous term
- Clarity about specific roles of health care workers in providing patient care services
- Public is not always aware of who has qualifications and credentials
- Nothing to prohibit use of “CAN” title

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Nursing Assistants are individuals who assist licensed nursing personnel in the provision of nursing care. There is nothing in law to specify that use of the title “Nursing Assistant,” “Certified Nursing Assistant,” or “Nursing Aide” is prohibited without license and degree. Therefore anyone can advertise, provide services, and use these titles without penalty.