

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

MEASURE: SB 285
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

Yeas: 5 - Knopp, Kruse, Steiner Hayward, Shields, Monnes Anderson

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Prohibits use of title “Medication Aide,” “Certified Medication Aide” (CMA), unless the individual is a nursing assistant, has successfully completed training prescribed by the Oregon State Board of Nursing (Board) for administration of noninjectable medications, and is authorized by Board to administer noninjectable medication. Specifies that an individual currently enrolled in a training program approved by the Board, which includes training in the administration of noninjectable medications, may use the title “Student Medication Aide.”

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Title protection promotes safety and avoids misrepresentation by unlicensed medical professionals
- The title “CMA” requires specific education and certification
- Public should have clarity about who is able to provide noninjectable medications

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Board of Nursing requires that in order to become a Certified Medication Aide (CMA), an individual must hold a current, unencumbered Oregon Certified Nursing Assistant certification (with at least six months of full time paid work experience); complete an Oregon State Board of Nursing approved medication aide training program and Medication Aide Competence Examination; and, complete a national criminal background check. There is nothing in law to specify that use of the title “CMA” is prohibited without license and degree. Therefore anyone can advertise, provide services, and use these titles without penalty.