

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 05/18/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 05/18

Vote:

Yeas: 8 - Buehler, Greenlick, Hayden, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Nosse, Weidner

Abs: 1 - Clem

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Prohibits an individual from using the title “medication aide” or “Certified Medication Aide” or abbreviation “CMA” unless the individual is a certified nursing assistant and meets certain criteria established by the Oregon State Board of Nursing.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current education and certification requirements
- Need for clarity about public safety
- Title protection avoids misrepresentation

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.