

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 “Certified Nursing Assistant,” “nursing assistant” or “nurse aide” or abbreviation “CNA” unless the individual is certified by Oregon State Board of Nursing and meets certain other criteria.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Misrepresentation by unlicensed medical personnel
- Curriculum and training requirements for CNAs
- Public safety concerns

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 “nurse aide” is prohibited without license and degree. Therefore anyone can advertise, provide services and use these titles without penalty.