

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact
Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 05/29/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 05/18, 05/27, 05/29

Vote:

Yeas: 9 - Buehler, Clem, Greenlick, Hayden, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Nosse, Weidner

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Prohibits an individual from using the title “Advanced Practice Registered Nurse” or abbreviation “APRN” unless the individual is a clinical nurse specialist, a nurse practitioner or a certified registered nurse anesthetist.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Currently nothing prohibits the use of “APRN” title
- “APRN” not a licensure type in Oregon, but it is in other states
- Not seeking licensing of “APRN”
- Concerns about issues around increasing scope of practice
- No scope of practice issue

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon State Board of Nursing recognizes three types of advanced practice nurses: Nurse Practitioner, Clinical Nurse Specialist and Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist. Thirty-three states, three territories, and the District of Columbia have predesignated nurses in this category with an “Advanced Practice Registered Nurse” (APRN) title. Requirements in Oregon include the following:

- Nurse Practitioners must graduate from a Master’s or Doctoral degree in a nursing program, hold a national certification in a specialty, and have at least 384 hours of registered nurse practice.
- Clinical Nurse Specialists must have graduated from a Master’s or Doctoral degree nursing program, and practiced at least 960 hours.
- Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists must have graduated from a nurse anesthetic program, hold a national certificate from the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists and graduated in last two years.

There is nothing in law to specify that the use of the title “APRN” is prohibited without license and degree, and therefore anyone can advertise, provide services and use the title.