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HB 4083

The Oregon State Board of Nursing wishes to submit informational testimony regarding House Bill 4083. The purpose of the bill is to require direct care staff of Alzheimer's care units to be certified, licensed, or registered by the Oregon Board of Nursing.

According to the Nurse Practice Act, Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses are able to administer medication. The bill (lines 20 and 21) restricts the administration of medication to Certified Medication Aides only. The Board wishes to point out that this restriction could be problematic in practical application.

To this end, the Board suggests that Section 1 (2) (e) be amended to read, "Administration of medication, including a requirement that all direct care staff who administer medication and who are not Registered Nurses or Licensed Practical Nurses be certified medication aides as provided in ORS 678.447."

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony regarding House Bill 4083.