

**SB 964 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Health Care**

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/16

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Allows hospitals in Oregon to grant privileges to physician assistants to provide patient care.

*REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.*

*FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.*

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

In Oregon, a licensed health care professional is required to have hospital privileges to provide care to an individual in a hospital. Privileging refers to the process that health care organizations employ to authorize practitioners to provide specific services to their patients. Hospitals grant privileges based on an individual's professional qualifications, training, and experience. Hospitals can also suspend or terminate privileges when a provider is abusive, disruptive, or provides inappropriate care.

Senate Bill 964 allows Oregon hospitals to grant privileges to physician assistants.