

SB 964 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

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

REVENUE: No revenue impact.

FISCAL: No fiscal impact.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Clarifies hospital appeal rights and processes for dependent and independent practitioners

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Allows a hospital to suspend, terminate or refuse privileges of a nurse practitioner or physician assistant.

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.