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Senate Committee on Health Care

Senate Bill 73

The Oregon State Board of Nursing wishes to submit testimony regarding Senate Bill 73. The purpose of the bill is to add clinical nurse specialists and certified registered nurse anesthetists to the prescriptive privilege renewal requirements outlined in 678.101(5) to better reflect current advanced nursing practice and assure public safety. It also removes references to postmarks to allow for internet-based licensing processes.

Currently, the language in several sections of ORS 678.101(5) is outdated as it refers to only nurse practitioners as needing to keep their prescriptive privilege licensure current. As of the 2015 legislative session, all advanced registered nurse license types (nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, and nurse anesthetists) have prescriptive privileges, and they should all keep these privileges current and renew on time.

Further, the bill revises outdated references in statute to “postmarked letters” to reflect current available electronic technologies.

We anticipate there will be no fiscal impact as a result of this bill, and we have received support from various stakeholders. There is no known opposition.

The Board would be happy to answer any questions the Committee may have. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony regarding SB 73.