

SB 74 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Powers, functions and duties of the Oregon State Board of Nursing are outlined in ORS 678.150. Measure adds clinical nurse specialists, nurse practitioners, certified registered nurse anesthetists as providers able to issue medical treatment orders to registered nurses and licenses practical nurses.

REVENUE: No revenue impact.

FISCAL: No fiscal impact.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon State Board of Nursing regulates the nursing profession in Oregon including: determining licensure and certification requirements, evaluates and approves nursing education programs and nursing assistant training programs, issues licenses and renewals, investigates complaints and conducts investigations and other responsibilities outlined in ORS 678.150.

Under Oregon law, physicians and dentists are the two types of health care providers able to issue a medical order to a nurse or nursing assistant (ORS 678.010). Senate Bill 74 expands the types of nurses able to issue medical orders in Oregon.