



## **ONA and NPO Urge Your Support of HB 2103**

HB 2103 would allow Oregon's NPs to perform vasectomies. Oregon's Nurse Practitioners have earned broad authority, practicing independently in both primary and specialty care—all with comparable outcomes to their physician colleagues. Studies show that, with proper didactic training and education, NPs even match physicians on invasive procedures.

Vasectomies are not qualitatively different from many other procedures NPs perform regularly. In fact, Nurse Practitioners compare well to their physician colleagues on other urology procedures, like ultrasound-guided prostate biopsy.

Vasectomies are more effective, safer, less invasive, and more affordable than permanent birth control options available for women. Unfortunately, they are underutilized in Oregon, in part because we do not currently have enough providers performing the procedure—patients are waiting for up to three months for a vasectomy appointment in rural and urban areas throughout the state.

HB 2103 removes this outdated prohibition, creating more equity within the health care workforce and increasing access to a safe and effective family planning procedure for Oregonians.

Expanding the number of procedures NPs are authorized to perform can improve health care delivery while also reducing costs and increasing access to care for Oregonians. With appropriate education, training and if necessary, health system credentialing, Oregon's NPs can safely perform vasectomies, and help to meet the current demand for the procedure.

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