

SB 964 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Monnes Anderson

Senate Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 04/06/17

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 4-0-1-0

Yeas: 4 - Beyer, Kruse, Monnes Anderson, Steiner Hayward

Exc: 1 - Knopp

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows hospitals in Oregon to grant, suspend, terminate or refuse hospital privileges to physician assistants to provide patient care.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

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

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Allows a hospital to suspend, terminate or refuse privileges of a 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 A allows Oregon hospitals to grant, refuse or revoke hospital privileges to physician assistants.