

**HB 3439 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Rep. Malstrom

**House Committee On Health Care**

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**Action Date:** 04/14/17

**Action:** Do Pass.

**Vote:** 9-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 9 - Alonso Leon, Buehler, Greenlick, Hack, Hayden, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Malstrom, Nosse

**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires that in a professional corporation organized to allow physicians, physician assistants and nurse practitioners to jointly render professional health care services, physicians, physician assistants or nurse practitioners must hold a majority of voting shares and be the majority of directors of the professional corporation. Prohibits an individual whom the professional corporation employs, or individual who owns interest in the professional corporation, from directing medical judgment of physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner. Prohibits physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner from directing services of another practitioner in the professional corporation unless the other practitioner also practices within the same scope of practice as a physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Existing statute
- Current restriction for nurse practitioners being a majority shareholder or purchasing a clinic
- Importance of nurse practitioners owning and being partners in preventive care clinics

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Currently, Nurse Practitioners (NPs) practice independently in both primary and specialty care. NPs have earned the authority of practice including prescriptive privileges, authority to sign death certificates and seat belt exemptions, and payment parity on insurance reimbursements. Consequently, NPs play a role in delivering health care to patients throughout Oregon. Oregonians are becoming more reliant on advanced practice nurses to provide quality and cost-effective care.