

SB 964 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Buehler

House Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 05/01/17

Action: Do Pass the A-Eng bill.

Vote: 8-0-1-0

Yeas: 8 - Alonso Leon, Buehler, Greenlick, Hack, Hayden, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Malstrom

Exc: 1 - Nosse

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:

- Current practice for granting admitting privileges to physician assistants
- Current statute and Administrative Rules are ambiguous
- Measure codifies current practice

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

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.