

SB 71 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 05/03/17

Action: Do pass and be placed on the Consent Calendar.

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:

Measure clarifies existing Oregon law that allows for nursing assistants to administer medications in long term care facilities when supervised by a registered nurse. Takes effect January 1, 2018.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Outdated language relating to noninjectable medications by nursing assistants
- Updates language to eliminate confusion

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN) regulates the nursing profession in Oregon including: licensure and certification requirements, evaluates and approves nursing education programs, and nursing assistant training programs. Additionally the OSBN issues licenses and renewals, investigates complaints, and conducts investigations as well as other responsibilities.

Nursing professionals dispense and deliver medications to patients in a variety of health care settings. Oregon law (678.445) permits licensed registered nurses to delegate the administration of noninjectable medications to a nursing assistant in a long term care facility. Additionally, registered nurses are responsible for ongoing supervision and reporting of any patient safety issues relating to medication administration by nursing assistants.