

SB 65 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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Meeting Dates: 2/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Oregon State Board of Nursing (Board) to issue license to practice as certified nurse midwife to qualified applicants. Requires Board to adopt rules establishing application requirements. Allows licensed certified nurse midwives to complete and sign reports of death, write prescriptions and dispense prescription drugs. Adds definition of "licensed certified nurse midwife" to statutes regulating professional nurses. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon State Board of Nursing (Board) licenses three types of Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN): nurse practitioners (NP), certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA), and clinical nurse specialist (CNS). In order to hold an APRN certification in Oregon, all nurses must also apply for and maintain an Oregon Registered Nurse (RN) license. For nurse practitioners, the Oregon Nurse Practice Act recognizes thirteen different specialties, including nurse midwife (NMNP).

Senate Bill 65 creates a new designation of licensed nurse, the "licensed certified nurse midwife," who would be qualified to practice in an expanded midwifery specialty role.