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Senate Committee on Health Care

Senate Bill 66

The Oregon State Board of Nursing wishes to submit testimony regarding Senate Bill 66. The purpose of the bill is to remove barriers to the licensed practical nurse licensure examination for graduates of the US Air Force training program.

Military veterans with vocational nurse training provided by the Air Force have been prevented from applying for the national nurse licensure exam, known as the NCLEX-PN, because the Air Force training program is not nationally accredited. The vocational nurse training program through the US Army is accredited, and those graduates already take the NCLEX-PN examination.

The bill changes language in ORS 678.040 to allow applicants who have graduated from the Air Force vocational nurse training program to take the exam and be licensed as Licensed Practical Nurses. The change will also apply to LPN endorsement applicants who are licensed in other states based on recognition of military education.

We anticipate there will be no fiscal impact as a result of this bill, and we have received support or statements of neutrality from several stakeholders. There is no known opposition.

The Board would be happy to answer any questions the Committee may have. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony regarding SB 66.