

SB 67 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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Meeting Dates: 2/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Updates definition of "ambulatory surgical center" for purposes of duties of circulating nurses. Clarifies reference to cases involving anesthesia to apply to general anesthesia.

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:

ORS 678.362 currently provides a definition of "Type I Ambulatory surgical center" for the purposes of defining the duties of circulating nurses. The same statute defines "circulating nurse" as "a registered nurse who is responsible for coordinating the nursing care and safety needs of the patient in the operating room and who also meets the needs of operating room team members during surgery." ORS 442.015, which governs health planning activities, provides a similar definition for "ambulatory surgical center" as "a facility or portion of a facility that operates exclusively for the purpose of providing surgical services to patients who do not require hospitalization and for whom the expected duration of services does not exceed 24 hours following admission."

Senate Bill 67 replaces the current definition of "Type I Ambulatory surgical center" with a reference to the definition contained in ORS 442.015.