

Oregon Senate Bill (SB) 128: Directs Board of Medical Imaging to issue permit to supervise fluoroscopy to qualified advanced practice registered nurse.

Dear Chair Monnes Anderson and Members of the Committee:

My name is Scott Rigdon MPH, MSN, CRNA and I would like to move back to Oregon.

I am writing to support the use of fluoroscopy by Advanced Practice Nurses (APRNs) in Oregon. As a former President of the Oregon Association of Nurse Anesthetists (ORANA) I have worked on this particular issue for many years. In fact, in order to gain Non-Surgical Pain Management (NSPM) professional training I was forced to leave Oregon to do so. I am a native Oregonian and I formerly providing professional anesthesia services in Grants Pass until 2014, when I left due to the restriction of fluoroscopic use by Oregon APRNs. This was a difficult decision for my family due to my long-term roots here in Oregon. I grew up here and was forced to leave to advance my skill set. The opiate crisis has brought NSPM to the forefront and I know that Oregon needs to maximize the opportunity patients have for convenient, safe and competent pain care. CRNAs can address this issue right now.

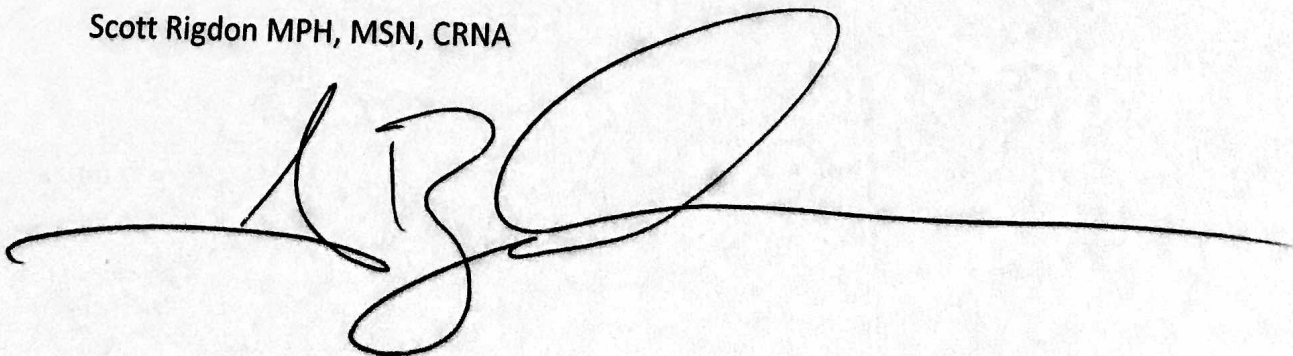
Having worked with the team that pursued the legislative process to ensure pain management and prescriptive authority was within the CRNA Scope of Practice in Oregon, I have sat before this committee and provided testimony in the past. The ORANA team worked within the system to ensure CRNA practice is optimized has now come to the final steps needed to ensure that Oregonians can receive competent and safe NSPM procedures from APRNs.

Non-surgical pain management is an essential component of comprehensive care for chronic pain patients. The profession of Nurse Anesthesiology has the opportunities for full NSPM Fellowship training, mentorship and board examination leading to NPSM certification. Fluoroscopy and ultrasound imaging modalities are essential to the provision of NPSM procedures. CRNAs undergo rigorous training in the administration of anesthetics and radiation safety when functioning around fluoroscopy on a daily basis.

For all Oregonians, I urge you to move forward with recognizing APRNs ability to use fluoroscopic technology and guidance in the provision of health care related services.

Thank you,

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