

SB 136 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Removes 10-day supply limitation on prescriptions for controlled substances in Schedules II, III, III N, IV, and V issued by certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs) beginning January 1, 2020. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

REVENUE: No revenue impact.

FISCAL: No fiscal impact.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Impact of 10-day restriction on CRNAs ability to treat patients with chronic pain
- Unlimited prescriptive authority for other advance practice registered nurses
- Access issues for rural Oregonians with opioid addiction

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill 136 (2013) granted certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNA) limited prescriptive authority under parameters set by the Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN). At the time, CRNAs were the only group of advance practice registered nurses (APRNs) who lacked prescriptive authority in Oregon.

Senate Bill 136 (2019) removes the 10-day supply limitation on certified registered nurse anesthetist prescriptive authority, aligning it with the authority granted to certified nurse practitioners and certified nurse clinical specialists.