

SB 67 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

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Meeting Dates: 4/25, 5/2

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: No revenue impact.

FISCAL: No fiscal impact.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Elimination of unnecessary terms in statute
- Out-of-date terminology

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." Ambulatory surgical centers are licensed by the Oregon Health Authority, not the Oregon State Board of Nursing (ORS 441.015).

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

1st Chamber vote (Senate): Ayes, 29, Excused, 1.