

SB 127 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

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Meeting Dates: 4/30, 5/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Changes term "nurse midwife nurse practitioner" to "nurse practitioner specializing in nurse midwifery."

REVENUE: No revenue impact.

FISCAL: No fiscal impact.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Statutory changes
- Scope and practice of nurse mid-wives
- Nurse practitioners, specialization in midwifery, and credentialing
- Differences between advanced practice nurse mid-wives and certified professional nurse mid-wives
- Licensing history of nurse practitioners in Oregon

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon State Board of Nursing (Board) licenses three types of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs): nurse practitioners (NPs), certified registered nurse anesthetists, and clinical nurse specialists. In order to hold an APRN certification in Oregon, all nurses must also apply for and maintain an Oregon Registered Nurse (RN) license. For nurse practitioners, the Oregon Nurse Practice Act recognizes thirteen different specialties, including nurse midwife nurse practitioner.

Senate Bill 127-A changes the term "nurse midwife nurse practitioner" to "nurse practitioner specializing in nurse midwifery."

1st Chamber vote (Senate): Ayes, 27, Nays 2; Excused, 1.