

**SB 66 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Knopp

**Senate Committee On Health Care**

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**Action Date:** 02/06/19

**Action:** Do pass.

**Vote:** 5-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 5 - Beyer, Fagan, Knopp, Linthicum, Monnes Anderson

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/4, 2/6

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Authorizes the Oregon State Board of Nursing (Board) to recognize military training program as a nursing education program for licensed practical nurse. Authorizes Board to license by indorsement an applicant licensed in another state or territory upon recognition of applicant's military education. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Military training programs

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Oregon State Board of Nursing (Board) safeguards the public's health and well-being by providing guidance for, and regulation of, entry into the profession, nursing education, and continuing safe practices. The Board provides licensure or certification for registered nurses (RN), licensed practical nurses (LPN), nurse practitioners (NP), certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNA), clinical nurse specialists (CNS), certified nursing assistants (CNA), and certified medication aides (CMA). Currently, applicants for nursing licensure must demonstrate graduation from a nursing education program accredited by the Board, or accredited by the licensing board or appropriate accrediting agency of another state or territory.

Senate Bill 66 allows the Board to license applicants whose nursing education has come from military education or training approved by the Board.