

**SB 127 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Rep. Keny-Guyer

**House Committee On Health Care**

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**Action Date:** 05/02/19

**Action:** Do Pass the A-Eng bill.

**Vote:** 11-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 11 - Alonso Leon, Boles, Drazan, Greenlick, Hayden, Keny-Guyer, Mitchell, Noble, Nosse, Prusak, Salinas

**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/30, 5/2

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

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

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Scope and practice of nurse midwives
- Nurse practitioners, specialization in midwifery, and credentialing
- Differences between advanced practice nurse midwives and certified professional nurse midwives
- 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, certified registered nurse anesthetists, and clinical nurse specialists. In order to hold an APRN certification in Oregon, the licensee must also apply for and maintain an Oregon registered nurse 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."