

HB 2464 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows person employed by health care facility to practice surgical technology if person is enrolled in or has completed specified apprenticeship program. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Surgical technologists work in hospitals and assist surgeons during surgery by passing them sterile supplies and instruments. They prepare operating rooms for surgery, including making sure supplies are sterile and ready for use, and maintaining a sterile environment in the operating room. House Bill 2876 (2015) established educational, certification, and continuing education requirements for surgical technicians in Oregon. Those requirements currently provide an exemption for individuals attending an educational program for surgical technologists accredited by a national accreditation organization and practicing as a surgical technologist at a health care facility in a rural or medically underserved community.

House Bill 2464 allows a person employed by a health care facility to practice surgical technology if that person is enrolled in, or has completed, a specified apprenticeship program.