

SB 703 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Specifies that a nursing assistant must pass an examination developed by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing. Requires that the examination be offered in English and Spanish.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Has minimal fiscal impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon law (ORS 678.442) requires a person applying for certification as a nursing assistant to pass an examination approved by the Oregon State Board of Nursing. In the past, the Oregon Nursing Assistant Competency Examination has been administered by a third-party company ([link](#) to 2018 Oregon Nursing Assistant Candidate Handbook).

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing administers the National Nurse Aide Assessment Program (NNAAP), which provides examinations in 14 other states, including Washington and California ([link](#) to NNAAP website).

Senate Bill 703 requires nursing assistant candidates to pass an examination developed by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing.