

**SB 703 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Manning Jr

**Senate Committee On Health Care**

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**Action Date:** 03/20/23

**Action:** Do pass.

**Yeas:** 4 - Campos, Hayden, Patterson, President Wagner

**Nays:** 1 - Bonham

**Exc:** 1 - Gorsek

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/13, 3/20

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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. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Provisions of the measure
- Availability of the examination in Spanish

**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 develops content for the National Nurse Aide Assessment Program (NNAAP), an exam consisting of a skills component and an oral component, offered by a third-party contractor in 14 other states, including Washington and California ([link](#) to NNAAP website). The oral portion of the NNAAP exam is currently offered in both English and Spanish.

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