

SB 969 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Diehl

House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Action Date: 05/08/23

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 10-1-0-0

Yeas: 10 - Bowman, Conrad, Dexter, Diehl, Goodwin, Javadi, Nelson, Nosse, Pham H, Tran

Nays: 1 - Morgan

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/26, 5/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Removes requirement that Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN) certify as nursing assistant any qualified applicant. Allows OSBN to deny certificate or place nursing assistant on probation for specified reasons. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Desire for consistency in disciplinary authority

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Resolves conflicts should Senate Bill 703 become law.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN) regulates the practice of nursing in the state, including licensing or certifying registered nurses (RN), licensed practical nurses (LPN), clinical nurse specialists (CNS), certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNA), nurse practitioners (NP), certified nursing assistants (CNA), and certified medication aides (CMA). Oregon law currently allows OSBN to revoke or suspend the certificate of a nursing assistant for specified reasons, including conviction of a relevant crime, for fraud or misrepresentation in the application process, impairment, violating licensing regulations or rules, and unbecoming conduct.

Senate Bill 969 A clarifies that, in addition to its existing authority to revoke or suspend nursing assistant certificates, the Oregon State Board of Nursing may deny an application for certification or place a nursing assistant on probation for specified reasons.