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Oregon Legislative Assembly
Senate Committee on Veterans & Emergency Preparedness
House Committee on Veterans' Services & Emergency Preparedness
Salem, OR

Re: House Bill 4057 Implementation Report regarding amendments to
ORS 688.650 by section 18, chapter 43, Oregon Laws 2012

Members of the Committee,

In 2012, the legislature passed House Bill 4063, which amended Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 688.650 to allow applicants for certification as hemodialysis technicians to meet certain training requirements by providing documentation of substantially equivalent military training or experience. In 2014, the legislature passed House Bill 4057, which required the Oregon Health Authority (the Authority) to report its progress implementing these amendments to the legislature on or before October 1, 2014. This letter fulfills the Authority's reporting requirement.

The Authority's Health Care Regulation and Quality Improvement Section is responsible for the certification of hemodialysis technicians. ORS 688.625 through 688.665 address the training, testing and certification requirements for these applicants. Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) 333-275-0001 through 333-275-0180 implement these statutory provisions.

Prior to the passage of House Bill 4063, it was the Authority's practice to accept substantially-similar military training or experience in lieu of the education or experience requirements established by rule. In accordance with ORS 688.650(1)(b), the Authority has not changed this practice. For example, during the past six years, two applicants have applied for certification under this provision, and both were granted certification. Because this practice is within the scope of the controlling OARs, the Authority has not promulgated rules that repeat the applicable statutory language.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



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