



Interested Party Testimony for Substitute House Bill 52

House Health Committee

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Good morning, Chair Schmidt, Vice Chair Deeter, Ranking Member Somani, and members of the committee. Thank you for the opportunity to provide interested party testimony for Substitute House Bill 52 on behalf of the Ohio Board of Nursing (OBN). My name is Jack Brubaker and I serve as the Board's Legislative Liaison.

As Ohio's largest licensing board, it is the mission of OBN to actively safeguard the public through equitable regulation of nursing and other healthcare professions. Public protection is critical, because nursing impacts the lives of virtually every Ohioan.

We appreciate the efforts of the bill sponsor to include OBN in the interested party discussions, particularly around the subject of patient safety. Sub. H.B. 52 provides a clear clinical framework for CRNAs to care for patients within their full scope of practice. As highly trained practitioners, CRNAs have the education and certification credentials necessary to safely provide anesthetic care to their patients and perform the clinical support functions which are routine activities for these practitioners working as a part of a patient's care team.

Clinical support functions are the utilization or application of a CRNA's clinical skills, as requested by other health care providers in the care of their patients. They are not related to the CRNA's provision of operative anesthesia. CRNAs are educated and certified to perform these functions within their scope prior to being licensed. A CRNA who is called by a health care provider to the ICU to insert an arterial line or central venous line for their patient is an example of a clinical support function.

Sub. H.B. 52 also seeks to clarify existing law by clarifying that CRNAs perform activities such as epidurals and spinal anesthetic procedures, which are already within their existing scope. Ultimately, OBN does not foresee any issues regulating CRNA practice in the clinical structure proposed by Sub. H.B. 52.

Please consider OBN as a resource for practice-related policy questions as they arise. Chair Schmidt, Vice Chair Deeter, Ranking Member Somani, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony today and I would be glad to answer any questions.

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