



THE OHIO SOCIETY OF ANESTHESIOLOGISTS INC.

**Interested Party Testimony on Sub HB 52
House Health Committee
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Chair Schmidt, Vice Chair Deeter, Ranking Member Dr. Somani: Thank you for allowing me to speak about HB 52 this morning. My name is Dr. Victor Davila MD, and I am the current President of the Ohio Society of Anesthesiologists (OSA), a statewide association representing over 1200 anesthesiologists.

As you may know, we were opposed to HB 52 as introduced and want to thank Representative Deeter for her willingness to make changes based on many discussions over the past several weeks.

We agree that anesthesia patient care should continue to be physician led. We also agree that a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) scope begins with an order from a physician.

While our membership did not see the need for any changes to the CRNA scope of practice, we worked with the sponsor and believe the current draft includes positive changes.

The Anesthesia care team is the standard of care for patients receiving anesthesia. The care team includes a physician anesthesiologist with one or more of the following: CRNA, certified anesthesia assistant or anesthesia resident working together under the supervision of the anesthesiologist. Equally important, anesthesiologists often provide anesthesia care personally to patients. While some anesthesiologists have some administrative responsibilities, the majority of our members provide direct care to patients undergoing procedures or surgeries.

Education: questions have been asked in previous hearings about education:

Anesthesiologists

Must complete **medical school**.

Have **12 – 14 years** of higher education.

Complete **12,000 – 16,000 hours** of clinical training focused on anesthesia care, pain control, and responding to complications and emergencies in surgery.

Often spend a year or more in a fellowship program to learn an **anesthesiology subspecialty**, such as cardiac, pediatric, neurologic, obstetric, pain management, or critical care.

Nurse Anesthetists

Do not complete medical school.

Have **5 – 7 years** of higher education.

Complete **2,500 hours** of clinical training focused on anesthesia administration.

Do not participate in subspecialty fellowships.



In 2019, OSA worked with the Ohio State Association of nurse anesthetists to address scope limitations OSANA raised when working with a physician typically in an ambulatory surgical facility. Those changes to the statute were included in HB 197 of the 133rd General Assembly (2020).

Today, once again, OSA has worked with the sponsor and meaningful changes have been included in the version before this committee.

OSA has taken a position of neutral with technical assistance. Again, thank you for the opportunity to testify and I will try to answer any questions you may have.