

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass as Amended, Be Printed Engrossed, and Be Placed on the Consent Calendar
Vote:	9 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Bonamici, Bruun, Cannon, Flores, Gelser, Kotek, Maurer, Richardson, Greenlick
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/23 (Policy sub), 4/30 (Full)

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Exempts Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) and health centers that serve medically-underserved individuals and rural areas from professional corporation requirements.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Corporate practice of medicine prohibition law enacted in 1947
- The need for FQHC's to directly employ physicians
- Concerns raised by health centers regarding employment of licensed health professionals
- Clarification necessary for health centers

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Removes provisions that allow nonprofit corporations to employ health professionals if nonprofit corporations serves medically underserved individuals, serves rural areas or is a FQHC.

BACKGROUND: Under current law, professional corporations formed for practicing medicine are required to adhere to requirements regarding qualifications of directors (a majority being licensed physicians).