

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Be Adopted
Vote:	8 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Bonamici, Bruun, Cannon, Flores, Kotek, Maurer, Richardson, Greenlick
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Gelser
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Meeting Dates:	3/29 (Policy sub), 4/6 (Full)

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Encourage early screening and aggressive treatment programs for diabetes.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Types of diabetes
- Long-term complications
- Seventh leading cause of death in Oregon
- Ethnic groups that are disproportionately affected by disease
- Increase in number of younger people with diabetes

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: According to the American Diabetes Association, diabetes is a disease in which the body does not produce or properly use insulin. Insulin is a hormone that is needed to covert sugar starches and other food into energy needed for daily life. The cause of diabetes continues to be a mystery, although both genetics and environmental factors such as obesity and lack of exercise appear to play roles.

There are 20.8 million children and adults in the United States, or seven percent of the population, who have diabetes. While an estimated 14.6 million people have been diagnosed with diabetes, approximately 6.2 million people (nearly one-third) are unaware they have the disease.