

REVENUE: No revenue impact

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| Action:        | Do Pass   |
| Vote:          | 7 - 0 - 0   |
| Yeas:          | Cowan, Gelser, Gilliam, Kotek, Maurer, Olson, Tomei |
| Nays:          | 0   |
| Exc.:          | 0   |
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| Meeting Dates: | 5/11, 5/16  |

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Changes definition of hospice care “interdisciplinary teams” to include nurse practitioners. Adds new requirement that hospice centers be accredited by either the Oregon Hospice Association (OHA) or the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO). Maintains requirement that hospice programs be certified to meet reimbursement standards set by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicare Services. Defines hospice program as an institution for purposes of ORS 146.100 and clarifies that death investigations are not required for most circumstances where hospice care is provided. Requires hospice programs to provide utilization data to the OHA and for the OHA to compile data from all programs in the state and report to the Department of Human Services.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Accreditation requirements of OHA and JCAHO
- Need for reform of death investigation statute related to hospice care
- Data on number of hospice programs in state and number of individuals served
- Rational for adding nurse practitioners to interdisciplinary teams

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** In 1985, two distinct hospice organizations, the Oregon Council of Hospices and the Hospice Assistance Program merged and became the Oregon Hospice Association (OHA), a statewide, not-for-profit public benefit membership organization, incorporated under United States Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3). OHA’s mission is to promote access to high quality hospice and comfort care for all Oregonians. OHA is recognized as an accrediting body by the State of Oregon (ORS 443.850-870). OHA provides information to the public about hospice programs and all end-of-life choices, advocacy for optimal care of those facing life threatening illnesses, and education, training, technical assistance, support, and accreditation for operating and developing hospice programs serving Oregonians.

In 2006, 62 hospices provided a full array of supportive, palliative health care services for terminally-ill Oregonians and their families. Currently, hospice programs in the state are not required to be accredited by the OHA if they are certified by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid services, or if they are accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO). In addition, hospice programs currently report utilization data to the OHA on a voluntary basis. Senate Bill 16-A requires all hospices not accredited by JCAHO to be accredited by the OHA and requires that all programs report data to the OHA.

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