

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass and Be Placed on the Consent Calendar
Vote:	9 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Bonamici, Bruun, Cannon, Flores, Gelsner, Kotek, Maurer, Richardson, Greenlick
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	5/2 (Access sub), 5/15 (Full)

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Reinstates requirement that a health insurance policy that provides coverage for acupuncture services performed by a physician provide coverage for acupuncture services performed by a licensed acupuncturist. Repeals the statute subject to the automatic repeal provision. Exempts the requirement from the automatic repeal provision pertaining to mandated health insurance coverage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of measure when only physicians could provide services
- Health insurance mandates
- Clarification of repeal and exemption provisions in bill

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: ORS 743.722 requires any individual or group health insurance policy providing for payment or reimbursement for acupuncture services performed by a physician to also provide payment or reimbursement for acupuncture services performed by a licensed acupuncturist. This statute was automatically repealed under ORS 743.700, which controls the automatic repeal of certain statutes on individual and group health insurance. SB 59A reinstates the reimbursement requirement and exempts the requirement from the automatic repeal provision pertaining to mandated health insurance coverage.