

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass
<b>Vote:</b>	4 - 0 - 1
<b>Yeas:</b>	Gordly, Kruse, Courtney, Monnes Anderson
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	3/14

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Prohibits insurer from refusing claim on basis that claim was submitted by physician assistant rather than by supervising physician. Repeals sunset.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- No opposition from insurance industry
- Physician assistants practice medicine under licensed physicians

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

**BACKGROUND:** Physician assistants are licensed to provide medical services under the direction and supervision of an Oregon licensed physician in active practice and in good standing with the Oregon Board of Medical Examiners. They treat patients in both urban and rural areas that are underserved. Physician assistants already have a mandated insurance reimbursement under Chapter 446 in 2003 Oregon Laws (2003, SB 646) which would sunset in 2009. For the past eight years that sunset has been reset without opposition.