

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

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**Action:** Without Recommendation as to Passage and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means  
by prior reference

**Vote:** 4 - 1 - 0

**Yeas:** Carter, Gordly, Courtney, Monnes Anderson

**Nays:** Kruse

**Exc.:** 0

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/17, 4/25

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires local detention facilities to comply with accreditation standards involving health care. Requires Department of Corrections to adopt rules specifying standards. Requires detention facilities to adopt system by July 1, 2008.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Communicable diseases in corrections facilities
- Funding for mental health system
- Quality of health care in correctional facilities

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

**BACKGROUND:** The Department of Corrections Health Services is responsible for providing medical care to over 13,235 prisoners across the State, incarcerated within the thirteen institutions of the Oregon Department of Corrections State Prison system. State and federal laws have established that inmates are entitled to health care during incarceration. Health care services available to inmates must be comparable to health care provided in the community in order to meet the state's legal obligation. This means that all types and levels of health care must be provided in a clinically appropriate manner by properly credentialed professionals in settings equipped and designed for the delivery of health care. Health care includes medical, dental and psychiatric/mental health services.