

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: No fiscal impact**

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**Action:** Be Adopted  
**Vote:** 5 - 0 - 0  
**Yeas:** Carter, Courtney, Gordly, Kruse, Monnes Anderson  
**Nays:** 0  
**Exc.:** 0  
**Prepared By:** Shannon Strumpfer, Administrator  
**Meeting Dates:** 4/2, 4/9

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Recognizes the importance of health care workforce in Oregon. Acknowledges leadership role of public and private programs in supporting health care workforce education and enhancing health care workforce in Oregon. Encourages access to entry-level health care jobs, which can lead to health care careers, by public program participants.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Need for comprehensive revenue reform to support health care reform

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

**BACKGROUND:** The Oregon Employment Department projects a need for 59,000 health care workers between 2004 and 2014. More than half of these openings are due to growth, the remainder to replace current workers. The industry believes these numbers may be understated due to increasing use of services that will occur with an aging population. Oregon has the fourth oldest population in the country.