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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires health benefit plans to include coverage of the human papillomavirus vaccine for female beneficiaries between 11 and 26 years of age.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Benefits of the vaccine
- Costs of prevention versus treatment
- Oregon insurers who don't currently cover the vaccine
- Possible increases in the cost of insurance coverage

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Places an upper limit of 26 years of age.

BACKGROUND: There are more than 100 types of the human papillomaviruses (HPV); most are harmless but many cause genital warts and about 30 types cause cancer, most frequently cervical cancer.

Genital HPVs are the most common sexually-transmitted infections. According to the American Cancer Society, 20 million people are currently infected with HPV, with an additional six million new infections each year. Approximately 25,000 people are diagnosed with HPV-related cancers annually.

According to the Department of Human Services, approximately 23,000 Oregon women annually have abnormal pap smears related to HPV infection of the cervix. Oregon spends an estimated \$30 million each year on direct costs for abnormal pap smears, genital warts and cervical cancer. The HPV vaccine protects females from the four types of HPV that cause 70 percent of cervical cancers and 90 percent of genital warts.