

REVENUE: No revenue impact  
FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

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Action: Do Pass  
Vote: 7 - 2 - 0  
Yeas: Boone, Cowan, Dembrow, Huffman, Olson, VanOrman, Tomei  
Nays: Freeman, Maurer  
Exc.: 0  
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Meeting Dates: 3/13, 4/6

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

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

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

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

**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 HPV's are the most common sexually transmitted infections. According to the American Cancer Society 20 million people are currently infected with HPV and there are 6 million new infections each year; and approximately 25,000 people are diagnosed with HPV related cancers annually. According to the Oregon Department of Human Services, approximately 23,000 Oregon women have abnormal pap smears related to HPV infection of the cervix annually. 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.