

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass and be Referred to Ways and Means by Prior Reference
<b>Vote:</b>	10 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Bruun, Cannon, Dembrow, Garrett, Harker, Kennemer, Kotek, Maurer, Thompson, Greenlick
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	4/24

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Establishes medical education loan program for new primary care physicians in Oregon. Creates Primary Care Medical Education Loan Fund. Continuously appropriates moneys in fund to Oregon Student Assistance Commission for purposes of awarding medical education loans. Imposes a penalty fee equal to 25 percent of amount of loan received if student completes required course of study but fails to fulfill obligations of loan to practice primary care in Oregon.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Prorating the loan repayment if student completes part of loan obligations
- Limiting options of medical students during studies
- Consideration of loan repayment plan

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

**BACKGROUND:** Primary care physicians in Oregon are under reimbursed for their services to patients of publicly-funded medical programs. As a result, Oregon suffers from a substantial lack of primary care physicians. House Bill 3258 establishes a loan program for those studying to become primary care physicians who stay in Oregon and practice in primary care.