

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 9 - 0 - 1
Yeas: Bruun, Cannon, Dembrow, Garrett, Harker, Kotek, Maurer, Thompson, Greenlick
Nays: 0
Exc.: Kennemer
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Meeting Dates: 4/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Provides definition of “primary care provider”. Changes calculation of capitation rates under Oregon Health Plan by specifying amount considered for payments to primary care providers. Provides reimbursement for services of primary care providers of 150 percent of Medicare Resource Based Relative Value Scale System conversion rates for Oregon in effect on January 1, 2010, as adjusted.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the bill

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Primary care physicians are not currently sufficiently reimbursed for treatment of patients of publicly-funded health care programs. Consequently, Oregon has a shortage of primary care providers. House Bill 3259 would provide additional incentive for Oregon’s medical students to become primary care physicians and for medical professionals to come to Oregon to practice as primary care physicians.