

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass and Be Placed on the Consent Calendar
Vote:	10 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Bruun, Cannon, Dembrow, Garrett, Harker, Kennemer, Kotek, Maurer, Thompson, Greenlick
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	5/15, 5/22

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes Oregon Patient Safety Commission (OPSC) as central agency for collection of data and analyses by patient safety organizations in Oregon. Requires OPSC to analyze statewide patient safety data, to compare statewide data to federal data and to report findings. Authorizes OPSC to utilize Collections Unit of Department of Revenue to recover unpaid fees from health care facilities.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Federally-designated patient safety organization and the role as the “central agency in Oregon”
- Using the Department of Revenue’s Collections Unit in collecting any delinquent account
- Balance between regulation and quality improvement

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: In 2003, the Legislative Assembly created the OPSC. The OPSC mission is to reduce the number of serious adverse events (medical errors) occurring in Oregon’s health care system, and to encourage a culture of patient safety.

In November 2008, the OPSC was certified as a Patient Safety Organization (PSO) by the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services. PSO’s are authorized under federal law to provide for the improvement of patient safety, build voluntary adverse event reporting programs, and offer expert consultation to clients. Oregon is in a distinctive position due to the fact that OPSC’s charter resembles the federal law (Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality) and because the commission has two years of reporting experience. The commission represents a diverse group of health care stakeholders including consumers, hospitals, nurses, physicians, insurers, and other organizations related to the health care delivery system.

Senate Bill 23A designates the commission as the central agency in Oregon responsible for the collection of data and analyze of statewide patient safety information. Additionally, because OPSC is dependent on fees paid by participating health care organizations, the measure authorizes the commission to use the Department of Revenue Collections Unit to recover unpaid fees.