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Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
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Meeting Dates:	3/3, 3/5, 4/7, 4/16, 4/21, 4/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes data reporting requirements for licensed health insurers, and third party administrators, and requires Director of Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) to develop, by rule uniform standards for data collection and reporting. Authorizes Office of Oregon Health Policy and Research to adopt reporting requirements for capital projects proposed by hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers, and to adopt rules to ensure full disclosure about expected impact of those capital projects on the community intended to be served. Directs the Office of Oregon Health Policy and Research to develop uniform standards for licensed health insurers reporting to reflect eligibility verification, health care claims, and payment data.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need for transparency in health care reporting
- Section 8 - Adding unnecessary costs to health care related construction projects
- Potential violation of Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA)
- Economic burden for third party administrators
- Administrative burden on self-funded health plans

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Clarifies the construction and capital project threshold and/or reporting for hospitals. Directs the Office of Oregon Health Policy and Research to develop uniform standards for licensed health insurers reporting to reflect eligibility verification, health care claims, and payment data.

BACKGROUND: Purchasers of health care services need to understand the cost and quality of the services they are purchasing. Currently, the state does not have a uniform, comparable information system to understand variations in cost and quality and the implication of reform efforts on the financial status of health care facilities and health insurers. Increased transparency in reporting will provide purchasers with information to negotiate better prices and encourage providers to be more efficient.

In addition to purchasers of health care services, community stakeholders need to better understand spending on hospital and ambulatory surgery centers capital projects. Senate Bill 454-A directs the Office of Oregon Health Policy and Research to develop rules requiring hospital and ambulatory surgery centers to publicly report notices of capital projects, to communicate the proposed project and projected effects on proposed prices charged, to fully disclose the impact of the project on the community, and to solicit feedback from the community stakeholders.

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