

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass as Amended, Be Printed Engrossed, and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference  
**Vote:** 4 - 1 - 0  
**Yeas:** Bates, Morrisette, Morse, Monnes Anderson  
**Nays:** Kruse  
**Exc.:** 0  
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**Meeting Dates:** 2/24, 4/7

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires Office of Oregon Health Policy and Research to coordinate the work of the Health Resources Commission in the conduct of comparative effectiveness research, and to coordinate the work of the Health Services Commission on the development of evidence-based health care guidelines. Requires all public bodies to adopt the research findings

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Physician readiness and acceptance of evidence-based guidelines
- Public bodies (ORS 174.109) shall adopt research findings and evidence-based health care guidelines
- Role of Health Resources Commission, and Health Services Commission
- Access to national and international research findings

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Mandates public bodies to pursue health care delivery and purchasing strategies that promote the adoption of comparative effectiveness research findings and evidence-based guidelines.

**BACKGROUND:** Providers of medical and health care services should have the best available evidence to care for their patients. Based on accepted research on clinical effectiveness, the state should expand its role in developing and endorsing evidence-based guidelines for the use of new and existing technologies and treatments. Uniform implementation of these guidelines and clinical standards can reduce unexplained variation in utilization among providers, reduce unnecessary care, and improve the quality and value of care delivered.

SB 455-A is a result of the Oregon Health Fund Board set of recommendations addressing evidence-based guidelines, and best practice clinical standards. The measure requires the Office of Health Policy and Research to work directly with the Oregon Health Resources Commission, and the Oregon Health Services Commission in the development of clinical quality measures, health outcomes targets, and clinical guidelines based on the best available evidence for the use of medical technology and pharmaceuticals and best practice clinical standards.

By using comparative effectiveness research, common policies can be developed across public funded health programs regarding the coverage of new and existing treatments, procedures, and services, Policies can be developed to require providers serving patients in publicly funded programs to follow these evidence-based guidelines.