

75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2009 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
Senate Committee on Health Care & Veterans Affairs

**** REVISED ****
MEASURE: SB 679 A
CARRIER: Sen. Morse

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Bates, Kruse, Morrisette, Morse, Monnes Anderson
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Robert Shook, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	4/14, 4/16, 4/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes insurer to pay cash dividends to enrollees who participate in approved program to promote healthy behaviors.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Definition of “healthy behaviors”
- Concerns about the creation of additional bureaucracy
- Compliance with Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act regulations
- Outcome based rather than participation based
- Small employer market and potential lower premiums

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Eliminates the requirement for insurer reporting, but allows for voluntary participation. Clarifies the enrollee’s participation in a program that “promotes healthy behaviors.”

BACKGROUND: Healthy behaviors are generally defined as participating in constructive behaviors that encourage fitness, healthy eating and other activities that are beneficial to good health. Senate Bill 679 A authorizes insurers to pay dividends in the form of cash to enrollees who participate in a program approved by the insurer that promotes healthy behaviors.

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