

REVENUE: No revenue impact

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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	5/20, 5/22

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires administrator of Office for Oregon Health Policy to adopt rules for approval of one community-based health care initiative per community that meets specific requirements. Limits approval by Office of community-based community initiatives to no more than three communities before June 30, 2013. Describes requirements of approved community-based health care initiative. Defines community. Declares an emergency; effective upon passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Eligibility for federal grant money
- Source of funding
- Exclusion of insurers
- Lack of portability
- Coverage of catastrophic illnesses
- Consumer protections under insurance code

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Defines “community”. Requires administrator of Office for Oregon Health Policy to adopt rules for approval of one community-based health care initiative per community that meets specific requirements. Limits approval by the Office of community-based community initiatives to no more than three communities before June 30, 2013. Describes requirements of approved community-based health care initiative.

**BACKGROUND:** Oregon continues to see a rise in the number of uninsured. Local communities are taking proactive steps to reduce the uninsured, and to enhance implementation of community health improvement programs. These community-based programs provide access to health care services through innovative and strategic partnerships and through contributions from the employer, employee and community. The Oregon Health Fund Board report from November, 2008 highlighted seven critical building blocks for successful health care reform, one of which is to focus on fostering innovation in the health care delivery in local communities.

Senate Bill 862A requires the Office of Health Policy and Research to adopt rules for the approval of a community-based health care initiative. The initiative would include a non-profit corporation governed by a board of directors that includes representatives of participating health care providers and qualified employers. At least 80 percent of the board members must be residents of the community they serve.

As has been demonstrated in many communities throughout the country, multi-share health improvement programs offer bridges to assure access to timely, quality and affordable services for those who do not qualify for Medicaid, yet cannot afford traditional insurance on their own.

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