

Senate Bill 892

Sponsored by Senators ROSENBAUM, VERGER, Representatives TOMEI, BOONE; Senators ATKINSON, BATES, BONAMICI, DEVLIN, DINGFELDER, JOHNSON, MORRISETTE, WALKER, Representatives BAILEY, BARNHART, BRUUN, CANNON, CLEM, COWAN, DEMBROW, C EDWARDS, GELSER, HOLVEY, JENSON, KOTEK, MATTHEWS, NOLAN, OLSON, READ, RILEY, SCHAUFLER, STIEGLER, THOMPSON, VANORMAN, WITT (at the request of Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Oregon)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires Department of Human Services to provide screening for breast and cervical cancer to persons who meet eligibility requirements for Oregon Breast and Cervical Cancer Program.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to cancer screening.

3 Whereas the incidence of breast cancer in Oregon is among the top five in the nation; and

4 Whereas the five-year survival rate for women whose breast cancer is caught during Stage I is
5 98 percent; and

6 Whereas a late-stage breast cancer diagnosis results in a much poorer prognosis for a woman;
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8 Whereas 2,444 women were diagnosed with breast cancer and 134 women were diagnosed with
9 cervical cancer in Oregon last year; and

10 Whereas uninsured women are 41 percent more likely to receive a late-stage cancer diagnosis
11 and are therefore more likely to die from the disease than women with insurance; and

12 Whereas the later a cancer is diagnosed, the harder and more expensive it is to treat; and

13 Whereas currently, the State of Oregon provides no funding for the Oregon Breast and Cervical
14 Cancer Program, while 86 percent of other states provide some funding to their breast and cervical
15 cancer programs; now, therefore,

16 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

17 SECTION 1. (1) **In each biennium, the Department of Human Services shall provide**
18 **screening for breast and cervical cancer to at least 22,000 persons who meet the eligibility**
19 **requirements for the Oregon Breast and Cervical Cancer Program prescribed by rule by the**
20 **department.**

21 (2) **The department shall pay for the screenings from funds appropriated to the depart-**
22 **ment for the purpose of breast and cervical cancer screening.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.