

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass with Amendments to the A-Engrossed Measure. (Printed B-Engrossed)

Vote: 4 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Kruse, Morse, Shields, Monnes Anderson

Nays: 0

Exc.: Bates

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Meeting Dates: 5/4, 5/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to develop programs to recruit primary care providers to Oregon. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Intent of bill
- Current resources and recruitment practices
- Oregon Health Policy Board Health Care Workforce Committee recommendations
- Advanced coordinated recruitment potential
- Relation to reimbursement and tort reform
- Current hospital recruiting efforts
- Coordination of efforts

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces “primary care physician” language with “primary care provider.”

BACKGROUND: According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, 60 million Americans, or nearly one in five, lack adequate access to primary care due to a shortage of primary care providers in their communities. Very few new physicians today are choosing to enter primary care. Whereas fifty years ago, half of U.S. doctors practiced primary care, just over 30 percent do today. Additionally, just eight percent of the nation's medical school graduates enter family medicine compared to 14 percent in 2000. Thirty-two of Oregon's thirty-six counties currently have some kind of federal primary care health professional shortage area designation. Uninsured and low-income individuals, members of racial and ethnic minority groups, or living in rural or inner-city areas are disproportionately likely to lack a usual source of care — a key indicator of access to a primary care provider.

House Bill 2366-B requires OHA to develop a strategic plan for recruiting primary care providers to the state that must address: (a) best recruitment practices and existing recruitment programs; (b) development of materials and information promoting Oregon to primary care physicians; (c) development of a pilot program to promote coordinated visiting and recruitment opportunities; (d) potential funding opportunities; and (e) identification of the best entities to implement the strategic plan.

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