

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Rescind the Subsequent Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means
<b>Vote:</b>	7 - 0 - 1
<b>Yeas:</b>	Cannon, Doherty, Hoyle, Kennemer, Parrish, Greenlick, Thompson
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	Weidner
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	2/9, 4/18

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Encourages Area Health Education Center (AHEC) program to create family medicine residency network. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Initiative to encourage family physicians to stay in Oregon
- Broader distribution of practicing family physicians in rural and frontier communities
- Review of health systems that would participate in network
- Encourages team approach to health care delivery
- Improved infrastructure and shared resources

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Deletes appropriation language. Specifies that Area Health Education Center (AHEC) is encouraged to create the residency program.

**BACKGROUND:** The Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) Program is a partnership between Oregon Health and Science University and Oregon communities. The purpose of the program is to improve the education, training and distribution of health care professionals in Oregon through a statewide network of centers. AHEC works to connect students to careers, professionals to communities and communities to improved health.

Proponents of House Bill 2401-A assert that the residency network would expedite the creation of new residency slots and assist in the recruitment and distribution of resident applicants throughout the state. In addition, a residency network would reduce costs by consolidating administrative processes.