## 76th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2011 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY Senate Committee on Health Care, Human Services & Rural Health Policy

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued	
Action:	Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
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Meeting Dates:	5/16

## **REVENUE:** No revenue impact

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

## **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Collaboration possible through family medicine network
- Community based governance of AHECs
- Success of current collaborations
- Current number of residency slots for family medicine practitioners

## EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** The AHEC Program is a partnership between Oregon Health and Science University and Oregon communities. Its purpose is to improve the education, training and distribution of health care professionals in Oregon through a statewide network of centers. The AHEC Program helps develop health career pathways and sustainable healthcare in Oregon communities. The AHEC Program currently has five centers located in Roseburg, Bend, Lincoln City, La Grande and Lake Oswego.

House Bill 2401-A encourages the AHEC Program to create a family medicine residency network that: (1) facilitates an increase in the number of family medicine residency positions; (2) supports and assists hospital systems to develop new family medicine residency programs; and (3) helps family medicine residency programs share resources.