

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Bates, Kruse, Morse, Shields, Monnes Anderson
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	5/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to suspend, instead of terminate, medical assistance to recipient who becomes inmate of local correctional facility for expected term of no more than 12 months. Requires DHS and OHA to report jointly to the Legislative Assembly no later than May 31, 2013 on the feasibility of extending suspension requirement to more than 12 months. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Federal laws regarding Medicaid suspension
- Importance of stabilization and medication maintenance
- Potential cost savings
- Medical expenses incurred at the county level

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: In 2005, the Legislative Assembly enacted Senate Bill 913, which requires DHS to reinstate medical assistance for a person with serious mental illness when the person is no longer an inmate residing in a public institution.

House Bill 3536-A expands upon Senate Bill 913 by requiring DHS to suspend the medical assistance for persons incarcerated in a correctional facility for a term of no more than 12 months. The bill also requires DHS and OHA to examine and report on the feasibility of extending this suspension to persons incarcerated for more than 12 months.