76th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2011 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee on Health Care, Human Services & Rural Health Policy

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Without Recommendation as to Passage and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

MEASURE: SB 433

CARRIER:

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Bates, Kruse, Morse, Shields, Monnes Anderson

Nays: 0 Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 3/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Expands eligibility for medical assistance for low-income and uninsured women diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer. Allows the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to establish eligibility criteria for the Oregon Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (BCCP).

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Number of additional women that would be served
- Denial of treatment coverage based on screening location
- Federal funds match rate
- Importance of early treatment for breast and cervical cancers

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: BCCP is part of the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program. Administered by the Public Health Division, BCCP helps low-income, uninsured, and medically underserved women gain access to lifesaving screening programs for early detection of breast and cervical cancers. Each year, approximately 7,000 eligible individuals receive screening services. BCCP is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Oregon and SW Washington Affiliate, and the American Cancer Society.

Low-income, uninsured women under the age of 65 who are diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer may be eligible to enroll in the Breast and Cervical Cancer Medical Program (BCCM). These women get the full Oregon Health Plan Plus benefit package for the term of their cancer treatment. Current law limits eligibility for BCCM to women who were screened by a BCCP provider. SB 433 would allow OHA to set by rule the eligibility criteria for medical assistance. The Division of Medical Assistance Programs estimates that this would expand assistance to an additional 12 women per month.