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Early Detection Saves Lives: SB 362 Increased Access to Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Senator Rosenbaum

Summary: This bill will provide funding for the Oregon Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (BCCP) to increase the number of women who have access to screening for breast and cervical cancer.

Who: Uninsured and underinsured women between the ages of 40-64.

Background: The Oregon Breast and Cervical Cancer Program is administered by the Oregon Health Authority and funded by the National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Susan G. Komen for the Cure[®], Oregon and SW Washington Affiliation (Komen). To be eligible for screening through the BCCP, a woman must be 40-64 years old and be at less than 250% of the poverty level. Currently the number of women in Oregon needing BCCP services is estimated to be 77,000. Current funding from the CDC and Komen only cover approximately 5,200 women.

Fact: Oregon and Washington have two of the highest incidence rates of breast cancer in the nation.

Fact: The five year survival rate for breast cancer that is caught early (at Stage 1) is 98%

Fact: A late-stage breast cancer diagnosis results in a much poorer prognosis for a woman. When a cancer is caught at Stage 4, a woman's survival rate drops to 23%

Fact: Uninsured women are 2.4 times more likely to receive a late stage cancer diagnosis and therefore, are more likely to die from the disease than women with insurance.

Fact: The later a cancer is diagnosed, the harder and more expensive it is to treat.

Fact: Currently, the state of Oregon provides no funding for the BCCP. 88% of states provide some type of funding to their state BCCP programs.

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