

**PRELIMINARY** STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

House Committee on Health Care

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

**SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO:**

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**Action:**

**Vote:**

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/1

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Modifies definition of “qualified employer.” Authorizes continuation coverage for employee who has enrolled in the program and whose employment terminates.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

**BACKGROUND:** In 2009, Senate Bill 862 was enacted, which directs the Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research (OHPR) to certify three pilot initiatives for a community based health care improvement program. The pilot programs are designed to provide health care services to low-wage workers, and are financed through contributions from employers, employees and the local community.

House Bill 2280 modifies the definition of a qualified employer and allows a qualified employee to continue coverage through the program for 18 months after employment terminates.