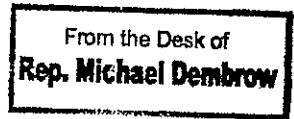




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Bill Brief: HB 3260

Healthcare Study

Background

While the next four years will be dedicated to the implementation of the federal Affordable Care Act, starting in 2017 Oregon will be able to modify its health care system and tailor it to fit what is best for us as Oregonians. We need to take a high-quality in-depth look at different options for funding health care in this state.

House Bill 3260 will enable the Oregon Health Authority to contract with a third party to collect the information that will be needed to make informed decisions regarding the future financing of health care in Oregon. The bill affirms the Legislative Assembly's commitment to reducing administrative costs, providing continuous improvement to health care quality and safety, sustained dedication to a patient's right to choose their provider, and the provider's right to be adequately compensated, by evaluating the best path to a system that meets those criteria.

Supporters Include

- Oregon Medical Association
- Oregon Nurses Association
- Oregon Health Authority Director Bruce Goldberg
- President of OHSU Dr. Joe Robertson
- Oregon Rural Action Network
- Oregon State Council on Retired Citizens

What does HB 3260 do?

The Health Care Study Bill requires the Oregon Health Authority to oversee an objective, professional study of four potential models for providing health care coverage to Oregonians. The study would evaluate and compare:

- The current Affordable Care Act, including private insurance sold on the Health Care Exchange
- A publicly funded option sold on the exchange along with private insurance
- A publically funded system, similar to Medicare, where coverage is not directly connected to employment
- An option for a plan that provides only essential health benefits, including preventative care and hospital services, and that would be funded through a dedicated sales tax

What does HB 3260 not do?

HB 3260 does not cost the State of Oregon anything. The Health Care Study will be financed by a combination of philanthropic contributions and grants.

HB 3260 does not establish a health care system or change to the current system. The Health Care Study will evaluate the costs, financing, and delivery of health care and submit a report to the legislature no later than November 1, 2014.

For more information, contact Rep. Dembrow's office at 6-1445.