

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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Action: Do Pass

Vote: 9 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Clem, Conger, Harker, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Thompson, Weidner, Greenlick

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 3/1

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

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Background of SB 862 (2009)
- Changing needs of communities the programs serve
- Distribution of costs between employers, employees and the programs

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No 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 18 months after employment terminates.