

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
Vote:	8 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Clem, Conger, Harker, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Thompson, Greenlick
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Weidner
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Meeting Dates:	3/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Appropriates money to Oregon Department of Administrative Services for Health Care Loan Forgiveness Program Fund. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current program funding
- Need for legislative intent to fund program in perpetuity
- Personal stories of loan forgiveness recipients

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Primary Health Care Loan Forgiveness Program was created in 2011 to encourage physicians, physician assistants and nurse practitioner students to serve in rural Oregon training programs by offering student debt relief. Applicants must agree to one year of clinical service in an approved rural community for each year of funding received.

House Bill 2858 funds the program for the 2013 biennium and manifests legislative intent to fund the program in perpetuity.