

REVENUE: No revenue impact
FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
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:	4/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows designee of correctional facility apply for medical assistance on behalf of person residing in facility for purpose of establishing eligibility for medical assistance during a period of hospitalization outside facility. Allows designee obtain information to determine eligibility. Requires effective date of medical assistance be date person begins hospitalization outside facility. Requires person, agency or institution having legal custody of youth or youth offender obtain and disclose information necessary for Social Security benefits, public assistance or medical assistance on behalf of youth or youth offender. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the bill
- Medical costs of inmates and eligibility for medical assistance

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND: Prison officials are obligated under the Eighth Amendment to provide prisoners with adequate medical care. According to *The Oregonian*, prison health services cost the state \$100 million per year and those costs are rising as the prison population gets older.

House Bill 2087-A will reduce some health care costs by allowing prison officials to seek medical assistance for qualifying individuals who will be receiving hospital treatment outside of facility.

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