

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued**

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
<b>Vote:</b>	5 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Knopp, Kruse, Shields, Steiner Hayward, Monnes Anderson
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	3/26, 4/18

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Directs Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to convene advisory work group. Directs OHA and advisory work group establish electronic credentialing program, adopt rules for operation of system, and meet annually. Provides definitions. Requires OHA submit report to interim Legislative Committees relating to health no later than October 1, 2014, and Legislative Assembly on or before February 1, 2014 and 2015.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Current credentialing process and expense
- Current inefficiencies and duplicative process
- Oregon Health Administration Simplification recommendations
- Participants of 2012 Credentialing Work Group
- Impact of single source credentialing database
- Proposed amendment
- Importance for system to have flexibility

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Replaces original measure.

**BACKGROUND:** Currently, the Oregon Medical Board (OMB) licenses physicians and other health care providers. Hospitals, insurers and health plans credential providers to work in their institutions or provide care to patients on their plans. Most of the information that OMB staff verifies is then re-verified by credentialing staff.

Senate Bill 604-A directs the Oregon Health Authority to establish a single database that organizations seeking to credential providers must access to obtain the information. In addition, the bill is a product of a workgroup consisting of hospitals, insurers, and health care providers.

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