

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass
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Meeting Dates: 4/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Modifies definition of “qualified employer” for purposes of participation in community-based health care improvement program. Authorizes continuation of coverage for employee enrolled in program and whose employment terminates.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Cost distribution between employers, employees and program
- ShareCare
- Multi-shared products
- Changing needs within communities

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 community-based health care improvement programs. 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 “qualified employer” definition and allows a qualified employee to continue coverage through the program for up to 18 months after employment terminates.