

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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: 5/15

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes ten-member Stroke Care Committee in Oregon Health Authority (OHA). Directs OHA director appoints members, and provide committee criteria, terms of office, and develop plan for achieving continuous improvement in quality of stroke care. Requires report to Legislative Assembly beginning of each odd-numbered legislative sessions.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Work group process to create legislative concept
- Oregon stroke rates and outcomes
- Strokes are the fourth leading cause of death and leading cause of disability in the United States
- Better data is expected to inform better treatment and prevention

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: According to the National Stroke Association, a stroke or “brain attach” occurs when a blood clot blocks an artery (a blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the body) or a blood vessel breaks, interrupting blood flow to an area of the brain. When either of these things happens, brain cells begin to die and brain damage occurs.

Up to 80 percent of strokes are preventable. Stroke is the fourth leading cause of death in American and is a leading cause of adult disability. Senate Bill 375-A creates a ten-member Stroke Care Committee within the Oregon Health Authority to analyze stroke data and to develop a plan for continuous improvements in the quality of stroke care.