

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Without Recommendation as to Passage and Be Referred to the Committee on Rules
Vote:	8 - 1 - 0
Yeas:	Clem, Conger, Harker, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Thompson, Greenlick
Nays:	Weidner
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	5/17, 5/29

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires hospital have written safe patient handling policy. Provides definitions. Requires hospital safety committee report annually to Department of Consumer and Business Services specific data on disabling compensable injuries. Effective date February 1, 2015.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Similar legislation in New Jersey and reduction in hospital worker injuries
- Current use of safe patient handling policies
- Provisions of proposed amendment
- Personal stories of worker injuries while moving patients manually
- Impact of preventable injuries on careers and lives of hospital workers
- Oregon hospital worker injury data

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: In 2001, State Accident Insurance Fund (SAIF) implemented a safe patient handling pilot project. The project focused on lift equipment and the proper safe patient handling. Results of the project indicated 65 percent fewer patient-handling injuries and 84 percent lower costs from those claims. Participants of the project stated, “This is safer for the caregivers and the residents, and that helps in attracting employees, attracts prospective residents; and reduces claims and injuries.”

Senate Bill 572-A directs hospitals to have a safe patient handling policy, and that the hospital safety committee report annually to Department of Consumer and Business Services the rate of claims on disabling compensable injuries for the hospital and the aggregate rate for all hospitals.