

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Nathanson  
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Bates

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

**Fiscal:** Fiscal statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure as Amended and as Printed B-Engrossed

**Vote:** 24 – 0 – 2

House

Yeas: Barker, Buckley, Frederick, Freeman, Hanna, Huffman, Jenson, Komp, Nathanson, Read, Richardson, Smith, Williamson

Nays:

Exc: McLane, Tomei

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Devlin, Edwards, Girod, Hansell, Johnson, Monroe, Steiner Hayward, Thomsen, Whitsett, Winters

Nays:

Exc:

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**Meeting Date:** June 12, 2013

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Directs Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to convene advisory work group. Directs OHA and advisory work group to meet annually, and to establish electronic credentialing program, adopt rules for operation of system. 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:**

- Indeterminate Other Funds impact

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Specifies that nothing in the bill prevents a credentialing organization from requesting additional credentialing information from a health care practitioner.

**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 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.