

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
Vote:	8 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Conger, Harker, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Thompson, Weidner, Greenlick
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Clem
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Meeting Dates:	2/5, 2/10

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Appropriates \$2.5 million to Oregon Department of Administrative Services for Primary Health Care Loan Forgiveness Program. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Positive impact on local rural communities
- Average medical school costs
- Students pursuing primary care
- Current barriers to rural communities

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Primary Care Loan Forgiveness Program is authorized by ORS 442.573-442.574 and is funded through June 2015. Students must be enrolled in an approved rural Oregon training program to apply for available loans under this program.