77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2014 Regular Session MEASURE: SB 1579 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY CARRIER: Sen. Bates

Senate Committee on Health Care and Human Services

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Knopp, Kruse, Shields, Steiner Hayward, Monnes Anderson

Nays: 0 Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 2/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires each health benefit plan, self-insured health plan, and coordinated care organization to have a synchronization plan in place by January 31, 2015. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Addresses rural Oregon transportation issues
- Benefits of medication synchronization
- Concerns with bill terminology
- Proposed amendments
- Stakeholder group consensus amendment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Requires each health benefit plan, self-insured health plan, and coordinated care organization to have a synchronization plan in place by January 31, 2015.

BACKGROUND: Medication synchronization allows patients to synchronize their medication refills all on a specified day during the month/or cycle, or according to the patient's plan and facilitates a process to codify medication therapy management through increased engagement of the practitioner, the pharmacist and the patient.