

**PRELIMINARY** STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Human Services and Early Childhood

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

**SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO:** Judiciary

**Action:**

**Vote:**

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/12

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires Department of Human Services (DHS) and Oregon Health Authority (OHA) suspend medical assistance provided persons expected to remain in Department of Corrections’ (DOC) custody more than a year. Requires reinstatement of medical assistance for persons in DOC custody during periods of external hospitalization. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

**BACKGROUND:** Current law terminates state medical assistance for persons who are expected to remain in Department of Corrections (DOC) custody for more than a year, with reinstatement of assistance after the person is released.

Senate Bill 233 suspends, rather than terminates, medical assistance for persons in DOC custody more than a year, and requires reinstatement of assistance for persons still in DOC custody when they are admitted to an external medical facility.