

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 (pending rescission)**

Action:**Vote:****Yeas:****Nays:****Exc.:****Prepared By:** Cheyenne Ross, Administrator**Meeting Dates:** 2/12, 2/17

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:

- Gap in assistance for DOC inmates serving more than one year (the majority of inmates)
- Gap in assistance for off-site hospitalizations
- Reapplication needed to reinstate assistance, in order to claim available matching Medicaid funds

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No 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.