

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session
PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
Joint Committee On Ways and Means

MEASURE: HB 2395 A

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued
Revenue: Revenue impact issued

Action Date:

Action:

Meeting Dates:

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Extends hospital assessment from September 30, 2015 to September 30, 2019. Extends the repeal of the assessment statutes to January 2, 2024. Specifies that moneys related to one percentage point of the hospital assessment will be split, with half distributed to hospitals based on their achievement of performance metrics and the other half distributed to coordinated care organizations based on recommendations of the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) metrics and scoring committee. Directs OHA Director to reapply to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for any approval needed to continue federal financial participation and to notify Legislative Counsel upon receipt of federal approval or disapproval. Repeals sunset date of statutes related to mandatory reimbursement rates by coordinated care organizations to non-contracting hospitals. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fiscal impact
- Importance of funding source to maintain healthcare programs

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2003, Legislative Assembly created the hospital assessment as a revenue source to fund the Oregon Health Plan (OHP). The statutory authority for this assessment is set to expire in 2015. House Bill 2395-A extends the hospital assessment to 2019. Proponents assert that the assessment is an essential part of the Governor's budget, and will help ensure funding for OHP's continued transformation.