

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**CARRIER:**

Senate Committee on Senate Health Care

REVENUE: No revenue impact**FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued****Action:****Vote:****Yeas:****Nays:****Exc.:****Prepared By:** Zena Rockowitz, Administrator**Meeting Dates:** 3/25, 4/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to post data on website on price information including median prices paid to hospitals and hospital outpatient clinics for 50 most common inpatient procedures and 100 most common outpatient procedures. Requires price information to be consumer friendly, easily accessible by consumers, and updated annually. Specifies OHA shall apply for funds to post price health care information.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Transparency in order to reduce cost
- Informed choices and education for patients
- Ability to create user-friendly website
- Use of existing data
- Low administrative burden
- How to make cost data meaningful and put in context

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: -1 Amendment: Requires Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to use data collected to empower consumers of health care to make economically sound and medically appropriate decisions, not limited to price and quality. Sets date to July 1, 2016. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

BACKGROUND: Health care spending growth outpaces the growth of the overall economy and worker's wages. Annual estimates of Oregon's health care spending range between \$20 to \$25 billion dollars. The federal Government Accountability Office found that meaningful price information is difficult for consumers to obtain prior to receiving health care services. The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services reports that prices between hospitals for the same services vary dramatically, even within the same city. Presently, 34 states require hospitals to report certain charges and reimbursement rates in order to constrain hospital costs, provide financial stability for hospitals, and offer quality care. California, Colorado, Florida, and New Hampshire are required to maintain websites to show prices charged for various procedures. Oregon is one of 12 states which maintain an all-payer claims database. Senate Bill 2009 in 2009 created the Oregon All-Payer All-Claims Data Reporting Program (APAC) to collect health insurance data (e.g., medical and pharmacy claims) from health insurance carriers and third party administrators. Oregon hospitals also submit monthly utilization and financial summaries.

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