

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Senate Health Care

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 4/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Urges Congress to take steps to ease primary care physician shortage in Oregon.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: According to the Oregon Healthcare Workforce Institute's *2012 Physician Workforce Profile*, the total number of active licensed physicians statewide has decreased by 2,285 between 2010 and 2012 while the number of active physicians reporting an Oregon practice address dropped by 313. Two-thirds of Oregon's 36 counties experienced a reduction in the number of practicing physicians. House Joint Memorial 6-A urges Congress to address the federal policy relating to the graduate medical education and residency slots that has direct impact on the physician shortage facing Oregon.