

**PRELIMINARY** STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Senate Health Care

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Minimal fiscal impact

**Action:**

**Vote:**

**Yeas:**

**Nays:**

**Exc.:**

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**Meeting Dates:** 5/27

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Prohibits specified terms imposed on vision care provider by vision care insurance or vision care discount card.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: -A2 Amendment:** Specifies that discount card does not include discount medical plans. **-A3 Amendment:** Requires that contract between vision care provider and entity that offers vision care insurance or discount card may not restrict or limit vision care provider’s choice of suppliers or materials.

**BACKGROUND:** Vision insurance and discount plans can lower your cost of eye care and prescription eyewear. There are many types of vision insurance plans, some that work with Medicare and Medicaid vision benefits. It has been reported that some national vision insurance companies are engaging in business practices that are creating barriers for patients seeking vision care in Oregon. One example of such practices is the requirement that vision insurers have to use their ophthalmic lab to manufacture lenses for the patients, not the lab preferred by the eye care provider.