

HB 3396

Relating to health care provider incentive programs

HB 3396 is intended to initiate a comprehensive evaluation of health care incentive programs while ensuring the stability of critical programs currently serving rural and medically underserved areas. The bill requires the Oregon Health Policy Board in the Oregon Health Authority to study the effectiveness of current financial incentives with the aim of developing recommendations to consolidate, restructure, repeal or continue existing incentive efforts to ensure that state incentive programs are coordinated to produce desired results; are adaptable to changes in the health care field as well as to Oregon's changing socio-economic landscape; and are effectively leveraging federal and private funding sources.

The Joint Committee on Ways and Means previously approved this bill with a \$180,000 General Fund appropriation to OHA to conduct this study, and it has passed the House.

It is back before the Committee with an amendment to make a couple of technical changes:

1. To define the term "qualified metropolitan statistical area" as it relates to tax credit eligibility for providers; and
2. To remove the emergency clause, and prescribe an effective date of 91 days after the date on which the 2015 Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

The Capital Constructions Subcommittee recommends HB 3396 be amended by the -B24 amendment and be reported out do pass as amended.