

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
Senate Committee On Human Services and Early Childhood

MEASURE: SB 233
CARRIER: Sen. Monnes Anderson

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued
Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 02/17/15
Action: Do Pass And Subsequent Referral To Judiciary Be Rescinded.
Meeting Dates: 02/12, 02/17
Senate
Yeas: 5 - Dembrow, Gelser, Olsen, Monnes Anderson, Kruse

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Department of Human Services (DHS) and Oregon Health Authority (OHA) suspend medical assistance provided persons expected to remain in Department of Corrections (DOC) custody more than a year. Requires reinstatement of medical assistance for persons in DOC custody during periods of external hospitalization. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Gap in assistance for DOC inmates serving more than one year (the majority of inmates)
- Gap in assistance for off-site hospitalizations
- Need to reapply to reinstate assistance each time, in order to claim matching Medicaid funds

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Current law terminates state medical assistance for persons who are expected to remain in Department of Corrections (DOC) custody for more than a year, with reinstatement of assistance after the person is released.

Senate Bill 233 suspends, rather than terminates, medical assistance for persons in DOC custody more than a year, and requires reinstatement of assistance for persons still in DOC custody when they are admitted to an external medical facility, consistent with current practice.