

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session  
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY  
House Committee On Health Care

MEASURE: HB 2828

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued  
**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 02/23/15  
**Action:** Do Pass. Refer To Ways And Means.  
**Meeting Dates:** 02/16, 02/23

**House**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Extends sunset date on the provisions requiring Oregon Health Authority to study and make recommendations to the Legislative Assembly during the 2017 Legislative Assembly on the best options for financing health care in Oregon.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Previous fundraising efforts
- Request for General Fund moneys
- Support of the concept
- Referral to Ways and Means

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

House Bill 3260 (2013) required the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to contract with a third party to conduct a study to examine options for financing health care delivery in Oregon. The options were to include:

- An option for a publicly financed, single-payer model for financing privately delivered health care that is decoupled from employment and allows commercial insurance coverage only of supplemental health services not paid for under the option;
- An option that allows individuals to choose between a publicly funded plan and private insurance coverage, and allows for fair and robust competition between public and private insurance;
- The current health care financing system in the state, which includes coordinated care organizations, the Oregon Health Insurance Exchange, and full implementation of the Affordable Care Act, and;
- An option that provides essential health benefits, including preventive care and hospital services, that allows a person to access the commercial market to purchase coverage that is not under the plan.

The 2013 legislation instructed OHA to accept funding from a variety of sources to carry out the study and specified that OHA was only obligated to conduct the study if external funding became available. House Bill 3260 contained a 2014 and 2015 reporting requirement. OHA has not found an external source of funding.