

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

MEASURE: HB 2395 A

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued
Revenue: Revenue impact issued

Action Date: 02/25/15
Action: Do Pass As Amended, Be Printed Engrossed, Rescind Subsequent Referral To Revenue, And Be Referred To Ways And Means.
Meeting Dates: 02/25
Vote:
Yeas: 8 - Buehler, Greenlick, Hayden, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Nosse, Weidner
Exc: 1 - Clem
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Extends hospital assessment from September 30, 2015 to September 30, 2019. Extends the repeal of the assessment statutes to January 2, 2024. Specifies that half of the moneys collected are distributed to hospitals based on their achievement of performance metrics and the other half is distributed to coordinated care organizations based on recommendations of the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) metrics and scoring committee. Directs OHA Director to reapply to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for any approval needed to continue federal financial participation and to notify Legislative Counsel upon receipt of federal approval or disapproval. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need to maintain current revenue structure
- Public-private process and funding relationship
- Need for stable financing model
- Maintain momentum for the healthcare transformation initiatives
- Proposed amendment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

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BACKGROUND:

In 2003, the Legislative Assembly created the hospital assessment as a revenue source to fund the Oregon Health Plan (OHP). The statutory authority for this assessment is set to expire in 2015. House Bill 2395-A extends the hospital assessment to 2019. Proponents assert that the assessment is an essential part of the Governor's budget, and will help ensure funding for the OHP's continued transformation.