

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

MEASURE: HJM 6 A
CARRIER: Rep. Lively

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 03/02/15

Action: Be Adopted As Amended And Be Printed Engrossed.

Meeting Dates: 03/02

Vote:

Yeas: 9 - Buehler, Clem, Greenlick, Hayden, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Nosse, Weidner

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Urges Congress to take steps to ease primary care physician shortage in Oregon.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current recruiting initiatives
- Current residency programs
- Shortage of residency slots
- State efforts versus federal efforts

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Specifies “primary care” medical residency programs.

BACKGROUND:

According to the Oregon Healthcare Workforce Institute’s *2012 Physician Workforce Profile*, the total number of active licensed physicians statewide has decreased by 2,285 between 2010 and 2012 while the number of active physicians reporting an Oregon practice address dropped by 313. Two-thirds of Oregon’s 36 counties experienced a reduction in the number of practicing physicians. House Joint Memorial 6-A urges Congress to address the federal policy relating to the graduate medical education and residency slots that has direct impact on the physician shortage facing Oregon.