

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**House Committee On Health Care****Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact**Action Date:** 04/15/15**Action:** Without Recommendation, With Amendments, Be Printed Engrossed And Be Referred To Ways And Means.**Meeting Dates:** 04/13, 04/15**Vote:**

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

Prepared By: Sandy Thiele-Cirka, Committee Administrator**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to administer program to provide loans to hospitals for establishing new primary care residency programs. Modifies the cost-sharing program to family practice and psychiatry residencies. Stipulates that primary care residency programs are sponsored by medical schools or osteopathic post-graduate training institutions. Increases from \$18,000 to \$25,000 payment to accredited training institutions for each intern, limits the payment to no more than \$200,000 annually. Specifies that moneys shall not be used for a city with a population exceeding 400,000. Appropriates General Fund moneys to the fund. Emergency clause, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Health care professional shortage
- Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) only public academic health center
- OHSU efforts to increase medical school slots
- Data showing that where physician does residency training is where they generally stay

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Changes the program administration from Executive Director of the Office of Student Access and Completion (ORS 348.350) to the director of OHA. Modifies the cost-sharing program to family practice and psychiatry residencies. Stipulates that primary care residency programs are sponsored by medical schools or osteopathic post-graduate training institutions. Increases from \$18,000 to \$25,000 payment to accredited training institutions for each intern, limits the payment to no more than \$200,000 annually. Specifies that moneys shall not be used for a city with a population exceeding 400,000. Appropriates General Fund moneys to the fund. Adds emergency clause.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Graduate Medical Education Primary Care Planning Group (Group) convened in July of 2014 to provide guidance for the Oregon Educators Benefit Board/Moda Grant awarded to the Area Health Education Center of Southwest Oregon. The grant was awarded to provide start-up funding for a Graduate Medical Education Consortium focusing on establishing residency programs in rural Oregon. The Group comprises representatives from Oregon's academic health centers, two health systems, a rural Coordinated Care Organization medical group, Oregon's Office of Rural Health and the Oregon Health Authority as well as several experts in family medicine Graduate Medical Education (GME). The short term mission of the Group is to develop a GME Primary Care Consortium that will support the creation of new primary care residency slots; and the longer term mission is to increase the sustainability and quality of all primary care residency programs in the state to ultimately improve rural and underserved Oregonians' access to care, wherever they live.