

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

Action Date: 04/17/15

Action: Do Pass With Amendments, Be Printed Engrossed And Be Referred To Tax Credits By Prior Reference.

Meeting Dates: 02/27, 03/13, 04/17

Vote:

Yeas: 8 - Buehler, Greenlick, Hayden, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Nosse, Weidner

Exc: 1 - Clem

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Extends the sunset for the rural medical care tax credit to January 1, 2018.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Tool for recruitment and retention
- Existing challenges for rural communities
- More Oregonians becoming insured and there are no available providers
- Other rural provider incentives
- Need for more data
- The amount of the tax credit and the revenue impact to the state

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Extends sunset for two years to January 1, 2018.

BACKGROUND:

Certain medical providers are allowed a non-refundable tax credit of up to \$5,000 against their personal income taxes. Eligible providers include physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, certified registered nurse anesthetists, podiatrists, dentists and optometrists in rural areas.