

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 05/18/15

Action: Do Pass As Amended, Be Printed Engrossed, And Bill Be Referred To Ways
And Means.

Meeting Dates: 05/08, 05/18

Vote:

Yeas: 6 - Barnhart, Gilliam, Hoyle, Nosse, Rayfield, Smith Warner

Nays: 3 - Kennemer, McLane, Wilson

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires primary care physicians in Lane County to accept as patients medical assistance recipients sufficient to constitute 15 percent of physician's total number of patients in order to contract with Public Employees' Benefit Board (PEBB) or Oregon Educators Benefit Board (OEBB) to provide medical care. Requires PEBB and OEBB report to legislature no later than February 1, 2019 regarding whether requirements have increased medical recipients' access to timely primary care in Lane County.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Providers faced with deciding to accept Medicare or Medicaid, but not both
- Expansion of Medicaid population with Affordable Care Act
- Difficulties with access to primary care physicians in Lane County
- Evaluating access with Lane County pilot program

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Replaces original measure.

BACKGROUND:

According to a recent Forbes article, for 2015, providers accepting Medicare patients could see an average reduction of 21.2 percent in reimbursement rates and primary care physicians still accepting Medicaid patients could see an average reduction of 42.8 percent in reimbursement rates.