

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

**Fiscal:** No Fiscal Impact

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 05/18/15

**Action:** Do Pass.

**Meeting Dates:** 05/06, 05/18

**Vote:**

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

Abs: 1 - Clem

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Specifies that healthcare practitioner is not required to submit credentialing information to Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and submission is not condition of authorization to practice until OHA has established an operational electronic system. Directs OHA to consult with advisory workgroup about date. Requires notice of rule to be provided to advisory workgroup and healthcare regulatory boards at least six months before effective date. Extends date for OHA to report on implementation of electronic system to interim committees of Legislative Assembly to October 2016, and to Legislative Assembly on or before February 2016.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Oregon Common Credentialing Program
- Simplify and centralize the credentialing process for healthcare practitioners
- Need for flexibility in implementation
- Stakeholders involvement
- Work completed to date

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Oregon Medical Board (OMB) licenses physicians and other healthcare providers. Hospitals, insurers and health plans credential providers to work in their institutions or provide care to patients in their plans. Since most of the information that OMB staff verifies is then re-verified by credentialing staff, the Oregon Common Credentialing Program was created under the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) in 2013 by Senate Bill 604. The law directs OHA to establish a single, mandatory electronic database that organizations seeking to credential providers must access to obtain the information. Due to the complexity of this process, OHA is working on a solution by procuring information technology and quality management services. OHA has drafted a request for proposal scheduled for release in April 2015. The bill provides additional implementation time.