

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 06/03/15

Action: Do Pass. Refer To Rules.

Meeting Dates: 04/29, 06/03

Vote:

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

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Department of Human Services (DHS) and Oregon Health Authority (OHA) suspend medical assistance provided persons expected to remain in Department of Corrections (DOC) custody more than a year. Requires reinstatement of medical assistance for persons in DOC custody during periods of external hospitalization. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Continuity of care for DOC inmates
- Addiction and mental health issues
- Current gaps in assistance for DOC inmates
- Codifies the process currently followed by Medical Assistance Program

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Current law terminates state medical assistance for persons who are expected to remain in Department of Corrections (DOC) custody for more than a year, with reinstatement of assistance after the person is released.

Senate Bill 233 suspends, rather than terminates, medical assistance for persons in DOC custody more than a year, and requires reinstatement of assistance for persons still in DOC custody when they are admitted to an external medical facility, consistent with current practice.