

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 06/25/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 06/25

Vote:

Yeas: 7 - Gilliam, Hoyle, Kennemer, McLane, Nosse, Rayfield, Wilson

Exc: 2 - Barnhart, Smith Warner

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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
- 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.