

**PRELIMINARY** STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Health Care

**REVENUE: May have revenue impact, statement not yet issued**

**FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued**

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Action:

Vote:

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Meeting Dates: 2/2

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Removes the January 1, 2018 sunset date, making the requirement that an insurer reimburse licensed physician assistants and certified nurse practitioners for primary care services at the same rate as a licensed physician for the same services.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: -1 amendment:** directs the Department of Consumer and Business Services and the Oregon Health Policy Board to collect NP and PA reimbursement data from insurers on reimbursement. Outlines information to be included and the report is due no later than January 31, 2017.

**BACKGROUND:** House Bill 2902 (2013) was enacted that required insurers to reimburse nurse practitioners and physician assistants at the same rate as physicians for the same services according to the customary and usual fee for physicians in the area served; and prohibited insurers from negotiating different rates with physicians and nurse practitioners. Additionally, the bill contained a January 1, 2018 sunset date as well as created a 13-member Task Force on Primary and Mental Health Care Reimbursement which was charged with evaluating and making recommendations on payment reform and alternative payment methodologies.