

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact**Action Date:** 02/10/16**Action:** Do Pass With Amendments And Bill Be Referred To Ways And Means.
(Printed A-Eng.)**Meeting Dates:** 02/05, 02/08, 02/10**Vote:**

Yeas: 5 - Clem, Greenlick, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Nosse

Nays: 3 - Buehler, Hayden, Kennemer

Exc: 1 - Weidner

Prepared By: Sandy Thiele-Cirka, Committee Administrator**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) in collaboration with Oregon Health Authority and stakeholder advisory group to create a blueprint for Basic Health Program (BHP). Specifies requirements for the BHP. Specifies criteria to be considered. Grants authority to DCBS to submit waiver for state innovation under Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Requires DCBS to report to the legislative committees and Legislative Assembly on BHP blueprint and recommendations. Allows registered nurses that are employed by an "education service district or a local public health authority" to accept licensed physician orders. Deletes the adult dental care exemption. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Comprehensive approach to pursuing the Basic Health Program (BHP)
- BHP option available under the Affordable Care Act
- Review of program design and operational considerations
- Proposed amendments
- Concerns about reporting back to the Legislative Assembly before moving forward
- Intention of the blueprint is to obtain hard data
- Concerns about moving into another level of expansion
- Concerns about fiscal impact

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Allows registered nurses that are employed by an "education service district" or a "local public health authority" to accept licensed physician orders. Clarifies DCBS, Oregon Health Authority and the stakeholder advisory group criteria to be used in developing a blueprint based on the recommendations. Deletes the adult dental care exemption.

BACKGROUND:

In 2015, the Legislative Assembly enacted House Bill 2934 directing the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to convene a stakeholder advisory group to examine key policy issues relating to the federal Basic Health Program (BHP) in the context of Oregon's health care system. The BHP is a health coverage option for individuals with incomes between 138 and 200 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL) and individuals from 0-200 percent FPL who are lawfully present in the United States but do not qualify for Medicaid due to immigration status.

The full report of the stakeholder group can be found here: <http://www.oregon.gov/oha/OHPR/Pages/Basic-Health-Program-Stakeholder-Group.aspx>