

HB 2660 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Oregon Health Authority and the Department of Consumer and Business Services to make educational materials available on both agency websites relating to breast cancer, insurance coverage and breast reconstruction options. Specifies that the websites are to be updated annually and outlines items to be contained on the websites.

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact.

Revenue: No revenue impact.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Reconstruction and cosmetic surgical options for individuals diagnosed with breast cancer
- Need for consumer education and awareness about reconstruction surgery options in Oregon

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The federal Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act (WHCRA) of 1998 requires health plans that offer breast cancer coverage to also provide for breast reconstruction and prostheses. Additionally, the federal Breast Cancer Patient Education Act of 2015 requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to plan and implement an education campaign to inform breast cancer patients of the availability and coverage of breast reconstruction and other options. Published studies report that 70 percent of women eligible for breast reconstruction following their breast cancer surgery often lack information regarding their care options.

House Bill 2660-A directs the Oregon Health Authority and the Department of Consumer and Business Services to develop websites containing breast cancer educational information, breast reconstruction education and information about insurance coverage.