HB 2660 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 03/10/17

Action: Do pass with amendments and rescind

subsequent referral to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 7-0-2-0

Yeas: 7 - Alonso Leon, Buehler, Greenlick, Hayden, Kennemer, Malstrom, Nosse

Fiscal: 4 - Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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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.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Background on breast cancer and reconstruction options
- Breast cancer survivors personal stories
- The need to understand all reconstruction options
- Understanding the federal mandates
- Proposed amendment

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the original measure.

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 individual websites that contain breast cancer educational information, breast reconstruction education and information about insurance coverage.

Carrier: Rep. Bynum