

HB 2393 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Greenlick

House Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 04/07/17

Action: Do Pass.

Vote: 7-0-2-0

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

Exc: 2 - Hack, Malstrom

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Specifies case manager's duties in the event that a case manager receives notice that a person for whom the case manager provides services will have life-sustaining procedures withheld or withdrawn.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current statutory life-sustaining procedures (ORS 127.635)
- Clarification that the person whom the law authorizes to make a life-ending decision for an incapable individual has all the information
- Review of current list of individuals who are empowered to make decisions on behalf of the incapacitated person

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Current Oregon law (ORS 127.635) outlines life-sustaining procedures and steps to be taken in determining who may decide whether to remove life-sustaining efforts from an incapable adult. Once the responsible decision-maker is determined, the physician may proceed only after the Department of Human Services' case manager is given notice. However, it is currently unclear what the case manager is expected to do upon receiving the notice.

House Bill 2393 assures that the person whom the law authorizes to make a potentially life-ending decision for an incapable individual with a case manager has as much relevant information as possible.