

HB 2342 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 04/17/17

Action: Without recommendation as to passage and be referred to Rules.

Vote: 9-0-0-0

Yeas: 9 - Alonso Leon, Buehler, Greenlick, Hack, Hayden, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Malstrom, Nosse

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Updates Oregon Insurance Code provisions that are applicable to health insurance in accordance with the federal requirements. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure
- Placeholder for necessary Affordable Care Act modifications

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The passage of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) resulted in major changes to the nation's health care system. Most governing activities occur by individual states and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), responsible for federal regulation of public health insurance as well as the private Health Insurance Marketplace. CMS issues ACA policies and guidance to states on an annual and periodic basis. In Oregon, the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) is responsible for ACA administration.

House Bill 2342 is an omnibus bill that brings Oregon statutes in line with new and changed federal regulations and guidance, and improves the ability for DCBS to resolve state health insurance implementation issues as they arise.