

SB 271 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 05/08/17

Action: Do pass and be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Vote: 9-0-0-0

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

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies current definition of small employer to an average of at least one but not more than 50 full-time employees during the preceding calendar year for the purposes of group health insurance plans.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2015, the federal Protecting Affordable Coverage for Employees (PACE) Act amended several provisions of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). PACE provides states the option to expand the definition of small employer from 50 employees to 51-100 employees. Senate Bill 271 codifies the federal definition of small employer (42 U.S.C. 18024) into Oregon laws.