

HB 2017 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

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Meeting Dates: 4/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Oregon Health Authority to study health care in this state. Requires report to interim committee of Legislative Assembly related to health care by December 31, 2020.

REVENUE: Statement issued: no revenue impact.

FISCAL: Statement issued: further analysis required.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In March 2010, President Obama signed comprehensive health reform legislation into law: the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and its companion amendments (the ACA), designed to expand coverage, control health care costs, improve the health care delivery system, and make investments in public health. The ACA augments Oregon's history of health reform. Some of the most significant ACA changes started in January 2014: Oregon elected to expand Medicaid coverage to low-income individuals up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level; Oregonians bought insurance and received federally funded tax credits and cost-sharing reductions through Oregon's health insurance exchange; and reforms designed to remove barriers to coverage came into effect, such as eliminating the practice of denying coverage for preexisting conditions, charging different premiums based on health status, and establishing annual or lifetime benefit limits.

House Bill 2266 requires the Oregon Health Authority to study health care coverage in Oregon and report results to relevant interim committees of the Legislative Assembly by December 31, 2020.