

SB 911 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 04/01/19

Action: Do pass and refer to Ways and Means by prior reference.

Vote: 3-0-2-0

Yeas: 3 - Knopp, Linthicum, Monnes Anderson

Exc: 2 - Beyer, Fagan

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/11, 4/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires health benefit plans, the state medical assistance program, Public Employees' Benefit Board, and Oregon Educators Benefit Board to pay for standard fertility preservation services for a covered individual who is undergoing or will undergo medical treatment that is likely to result in iatrogenic infertility. Defines "iatrogenic infertility" and "standard fertility preservation services."

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Impact of cancer treatments on fertility
- Cost of fertility preservation services
- Coverage in other states
- Potential number of Oregonians impacted per year

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Iatrogenesis refers to an adverse condition in a patient resulting from medical treatment. According to the Oncofertility Consortium, a multi-institutional and disciplinary organization focused on advancing the understanding of the impact of cancer treatment on the reproductive health of patients, approximately 150,000 people of reproductive age (45 years or younger) are diagnosed annually with cancer. Many of those diagnosed have favorable prospects for survival, but may also face the long-term side effect of infertility resulting from cancer treatment.

In recent years, five states have adopted mandates requiring insurers to cover infertility treatment when associated with cancer treatment: Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Maryland, and Rhode Island.

Senate Bill 911 requires health benefit plans, the state medical assistance program, Public Employees' Benefit Board, and Oregon Educators Benefit Board to pay for standard fertility preservation services for a covered individual who is undergoing or will undergo medical treatment that is likely to result in iatrogenic infertility.