

**SB 941 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Health Care**

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**Action Date:** 04/03/19

**Action:** Do pass with amendments. Refer to Ways and Means by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng).

**Vote:** 5-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 5 - Beyer, Fagan, Knopp, Linthicum, Monnes Anderson

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/27, 4/3

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Appropriates \$1,700,000 to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services for distribution to Curry Health District for purposes of opening an emergency room in Curry Medical Center. Declares emergency, takes effect on July 1, 2019.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Curry County demographics
- Travel requirements to obtain emergency medical services
- Potential positive economic impact of building an emergency room
- Impact of Highway 101 collapse
- Investments already made
- Ability to support an emergency room without an attached hospital

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

Replaces the measure.

**BACKGROUND:**

Curry Health District (a.k.a. Curry Health Network) is a special health district comprised of a hospital and several medical clinics located on the southern Oregon coast. Curry General Hospital in Gold Beach, a critical access hospital, is the sole hospital in Curry County. Medical practice offices are located both in the hospital and off-campus in Gold Beach. Curry Medical Center, with primary, specialty, and same-day care services, is located in Brookings, and Curry Family Medical serves Port Orford.

Senate Bill 941-A appropriates \$1,700,000 for distribution to the Curry Health District to support opening an emergency room in Curry Medical Center.