

SB 2 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

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Meeting Dates: 4/27, 5/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Prohibits health insurers from imposing prior authorization or other utilization review requirements on coverage of proton beam therapy.

Senate Vote: Passed. Ayes, 26; Nays, 1 (Heard); Excused, 3 (Gelser, Girod, Thomsen)

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of proton beam coverage in Oregon
- Senate Bill 740 (2019)
- Efficacy and cost of proton beam therapy
- Application of prior authorization

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Limits prohibition on coverage of proton beam therapy limited to use for treatment of prostate cancer when application is no more restrictive than when applied to radiation therapy.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

BACKGROUND:

In 2019, the Legislative Assembly passed Senate Bill 740 requiring health insurers to provide coverage of proton beam therapy for treatment of cancer to the same extent the insurer provides coverage of radiation therapy. The bill allows insurers to subject coverage of proton beam therapy to prior authorization or other utilization review. These reviews allow the insurer to evaluate the efficiency, appropriateness, and medical necessity of treatments, services, procedures, and facilities provided to patients on a case-by-case basis.

Senate Bill 2 prohibits health insurers from imposing prior authorization and other utilization review requirements on the coverage of proton beam therapy for the treatment of cancer.