Senate Bill 626

Sponsored by Senator HANSELL (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor’s brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

Prohibits utilization review requirements for health insurance coverage of proton beam therapy prescribed for treatment of cancer if insurer covers radiation therapy prescribed for treatment of cancer.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to insurance coverage of proton beam therapy; amending ORS 743A.130.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 743A.130 is amended to read:

ORS 743A.130. (1) A health benefit plan, as defined in ORS 743B.005, that provides coverage of radiation therapy prescribed by a health care provider for the treatment of cancer must also provide coverage for proton beam therapy prescribed by a health care provider for the treatment of cancer [on a basis]. The coverage of proton beam therapy must be no less favorable than the coverage of radiation therapy.

(2) The coverage of proton beam therapy under subsection (1) of this section may not be subject to prior authorization, as defined in ORS 743B.001, or other utilization review, as defined in ORS 743B.001.

(3) This section is exempt from ORS 743A.001.

NOTE: Matter in boldfaced type in an amended section is new; matter [italic and bracketed] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in boldfaced type.