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To: Senate Interim Committee on Health Care
From: Daniel Dietz, Legislative Analyst
Date: January 8, 2024
Re: 2024 Committee Legislative Concepts

LC0085 (dated January 3, 2024)

- Relating to health care.
- Prohibits the Health Evidence Review Commission (HERC) from relying on analyses that reference quality of life measures, except when the staff of the commission includes an individual trained in identifying bias and discrimination in medical research who determines that the analysis was not influenced by the quality of life measure.
- Prohibits the HERC from meeting in executive session to review evidence with an advisory committee or a panel of experts.
- Provides for public comment on HERC selection of vendors and methodologies.

LC0086 (dated January 4, 2024)

- Relating to pharmacy.
- Provides that a pharmacist may test and provide treatment, including drug therapy, for severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) consistent with protocols adopted by the State Board of Pharmacy by rule, as recommended by the Public Health and Pharmacy Formulary Advisory Committee.
- Provides that a pharmacy technician, under the direction of a pharmacist, may administer tests but does not permit a pharmacy technician to provide treatment.
- Sunsets June 30, 2026.

LC0087 (dated December 19, 2023)

- Relating to challenges faced by hospitals in discharging patients with complex needs to post-acute care settings.
- Directs Oregon Health Authority to take all steps practicable to address challenges.