SB 490 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 03/27/23

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

Vote: 3-2-1-0

Yeas: 3 - Campos, Patterson, President Wagner

Nays: 2 - Bonham, Hayden

Exc: 1 - Gorsek

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued **Revenue:** No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/1, 3/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates funds to the Area Health Education Center program of Oregon Health and Science University, through the Department of Administrative Services, for the purpose of supporting the Oregon Academy of Family Physicians. Specifies that funding may be used by the academy for promoting family medicine residency training programs, increasing training for residents in maternal and reproductive health care, and developing programming for family medicine residency training program directors, faculty, and residents. Restricts administrative spending to no more than five percent of funding. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Support for residency programs in rural areas
- Anticipated return on investment in primary care

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

Physicians who specialize in family medicine are required to complete an accredited three- or four-year family medicine residency in addition to their medical degree. The Oregon Academy of Family Physicians is a medical specialty society with 1,600 members in Oregon (link to Oregon Academy of Family Physicians website).

Senate Bill 490 A creates an alliance program for family medicine residency training programs.