

SB 608 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Campos

Senate Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 04/03/23

Action: Do pass with amendments. (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: 3/29, 4/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to conduct, every three years, a survey of retail pharmacy providers that are enrolled as Medicaid providers in the state medical assistance program. The survey shall determine the cost to the providers for dispensing prescription drugs, and if the survey indicates a change is needed in reimbursement, OHA shall submit to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services a request for a state plan amendment to change the professional dispensing fee.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

States establish dispensing fees for the pharmacies that fill prescriptions for Medicaid beneficiaries. The dispensing fee is intended to cover reasonable costs associated with providing the drug to a Medicaid beneficiary. This cost includes the pharmacist's services and the overhead associated with maintaining the facility and equipment necessary to operate the pharmacy ([link](#) to Kaiser Family Foundation, Pricing and Payment for Medicaid Prescription Drugs).

Senate Bill 608 A directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to conduct, every three years, a survey of retail pharmacy providers that are enrolled as Medicaid providers in the state medical assistance program, and if the survey indicates a change is needed, OHA shall submit to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services a request for a state plan amendment to change the professional dispensing fee.