

## **SB 56 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **Senate Committee On Health Care**

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure requires the Oregon Health Plan and health insurance plans issued in Oregon to cover computerized scans to detect calcium deposits in the coronary arteries.

Detailed summary

- Requires medical assistance programs and health insurance plans in Oregon to cover the cost of computerized tomography coronary calcium score scans.
- Requires coverage of scans, with or without contrast, when ordered by a licensed provider.
- Applies to plans issued, renewed, extended on or after January 1, 2026.

Fiscal impact: Not yet issued

Revenue impact: Not yet issued

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

A computerized tomography coronary calcium score scan is a screening exam that uses computerized tomography (CT) to detect calcium deposits in the coronary arteries of the heart. A higher coronary calcium-score suggests a higher chance of significant narrowing in the coronary arteries and a higher risk of future heart attack ([link](#) to Cleveland Clinic overview). According to the John Hopkins School of Medicine, because the test is relatively new, not all insurance plans cover it ([link](#)).