74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY Senate Committee on Commerce

MEASURE: CARRIER:

REVENUE: No revenue impact	
FISCAL: No fiscal impact	
Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Avakian, Beyer, Gordly, Monroe, Prozanski
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/25, 4/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Limits "direct medical sequelae" to conditions diagnosed, requested by the injured worker and accepted by the employer prior to closure of claim for purposes of determining impairment in a workers' compensation claim.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

• Support of the Management-Labor Advisory Committee

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Clarifies that injured workers retain the right to request acceptance and processing of new or omitted medical conditions.

BACKGROUND: Under current law, medical conditions that are a direct result of a workers' accepted condition, called "direct medical sequelae" are included when determining a worker's permanent disability. These conditions are included whether or not a worker has requested them. Conditions specifically denied by the insurer are not included. SB 506-A limits the acceptance of direct medical sequelae to those conditions that are diagnosed, requested by the injured worker and accepted by the employer. The condition then would only be included if it was accepted by the insurer. This is similar to how new and omitted medical conditions are treated under the law.