75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2009 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY House Committee on Health Care

FISCAL: No fiscal impact Action: Be Adopted 9 - 0 - 1 Vote: Bruun, Dembrow, Garrett, Harker, Kennemer, Kotek, Maurer, Thompson, Greenlick Yeas: Navs: Exc.: Cannon **Prepared By:** Sandy Thiele-Cirka, Administrator **Meeting Dates:** 2/20

MEASURE:

CARRIER:

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Rep. Gelser

REVENUE: No revenue impact

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Encourages public to take measures to decrease incidence of skin cancer.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Melanoma skin cancer increasing among young people
- According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) approximately 65-90 percent of • melanomas are caused by exposure to ultraviolet (UV) light or sunlight
- Skin cancer incidence rates ٠
- Importance of educating Oregonians on risk reduction efforts •

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: According to the Skin Cancer Foundation, skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States; greater than one million skin cancers are diagnosed annually; one in five Americans will develop skin cancer in the course of a lifetime. In 2004, the total direct cost associated with the treatment for non-melanoma skin cancers was more than \$1 billion; about 90 percent of non-melanoma skin cancers are associated with exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun; and up to 90 percent of the visible changes commonly attributed to aging are caused by the sun (http://www.skincancer.org/Skin-Cancer-Facts/).