

SB 179 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to establish and administer a program to provide palliative care service and support the provision of home- and community-based end of life care. Requires OHA to establish by rule requirements and qualifications for program. Makes program contingent on approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces measure.

BACKGROUND:

Palliative care means patient-centered and family-centered medical care that optimizes a patient's quality of life by anticipating, preventing and treating the suffering caused by serious illness and involves addressing the patient's physical, social and spiritual needs and facilitating the patient's authority, access to information and choice. Palliative care includes, but is not limited to:

- Discussing a patient's goals for treatment;
- Discussing the treatment options that are appropriate for the patient; and
- Comprehensive pain and symptom management

Senate Bill 179 Requires the Oregon Health Authority to establish and administer a program to provide palliative care service and support the provision of home- and community-based end of life care.