

HB 2266 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 04/02/19

Action: Without recommendation as to passage and be referred to Rules.

Vote: 10-0-1-0

Yeas: 10 - Alonso Leon, Boles, Drazan, Greenlick, Hayden, Mitchell, Noble, Nosse, Prusak, Salinas

Exc: 1 - Keny-Guyer

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Health Policy Board to study changes in health care coverage in Oregon since implementation of Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and report results to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to health by January 1, 2021.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure for purpose of referral to another committee

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In March 2010, President Obama signed comprehensive health reform legislation into law: the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) and its companion amendments, designed to expand coverage, control health care costs, improve the health care delivery system, and make investments in public health. The ACA augments Oregon's history of health reform. Some of the most significant ACA changes started in January 2014: Oregon elected to expand Medicaid coverage to low-income individuals up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level; Oregonians bought insurance and received federally funded tax credits and cost-sharing reductions through Oregon's health insurance exchange; and reforms designed to remove barriers to coverage came into effect, such as eliminating the practice of denying coverage for preexisting conditions, charging different premiums based on health status, and establishing annual or lifetime benefit limits.

House Bill 2266 requires the Oregon Health Policy Board to study changes in health care coverage in Oregon since implementation of the ACA and report results to relevant interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health by January 1, 2021.