

SB 640 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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Meeting Dates: 2/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes Indian Health Scholarship Program, administered by Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU), to provide free tuition and fees for qualifying Indian health profession students in exchange for student commitment to work at tribal service site after graduation. Appropriates moneys to OHSU for administration of Program. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon Health and Science University's Office of Rural Health partners with the Oregon Health Authority and the Health Resources Service Administration (HRSA) to offer provider incentive programs to support underserved communities recruit and retain high quality providers. Oregon's nine federally recognized tribes currently have 11 Rural Indian/Tribal Clinics that provide health care services to tribal members.

Senate Bill 640 establishes the Indian Health Scholarship Program to provide free tuition and fees to Indian health profession students in exchange for a commitment to work at a tribal service site after graduation.