SB 490 -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Oregon Medical Board (OMB) to support an alliance program for family medicine residency training programs. The support provided by the alliance program may include promotion of family medicine residency training programs, increased training for residents in reproductive health care, and programming for residency training program directors. Appropriates funds. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal impact issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

• Support for residency programs in rural areas

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-3 Funds the Area Health Education Center program of Oregon Health and Science University for the purpose of supporting the Oregon Academy of Family Physicians. Specifies that funding may be used by the academy for promoting family medicine residency training programs, increasing training for residents in maternal and reproductive health care, and developing programming for family medicine residency training program directors, faculty, and residents. Restricts administrative spending to no more than five percent of funding.

BACKGROUND:

Physicians who specialize in family medicine are required to complete an accredited three- or four-year family medicine residency in addition to their medical degree. The Oregon Academy for Family Physicians is a medical specialty society with 1,600 members in Oregon (link to Oregon Academy of Family Physicians website).

Senate Bill 490 creates an alliance program for family medicine residency training programs.