

SB 376 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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Meeting Dates: 2/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure defines “rural” as a geographical area with a population that is no more than 1.25% of Oregon’s total population for purposes of the healthcare provider incentive program. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Fiscal impact: Not yet issued.

Revenue impact: Not yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon provided various financial incentives to recruit providers to rural and underserved areas. In 2017, HB 3261 established the Healthcare Provider Incentive Fund to improve access to care in these communities. The Fund created the Health Care Provider Incentive Program to support loan repayment, loan forgiveness, insurance subsidies and workforce, development. This measure clarifies the definition of a “rural” community population for these purposes.

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