

HB 2292 -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires health benefit plans, the Oregon Health Authority, and coordinated care organizations (CCOs) to provide coverage of drugs and services for the treatment of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) with no cost-sharing or prior authorization requirements.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Recent increases in HIV cases
- Recent access improvements for HIV treatment in Oregon
- Recent legal and other challenges at the federal level

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-3 Replaces the measure.

- Requires health benefit plans providing coverage of counseling, prevention services, or screening for sexually transmitted infections to provide coverage for drugs approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the prevention and treatment of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and any necessary associated services. Requires coverage to be provided without any cost-sharing.
- Exempts coverage requirement from automatic sunset provisions of Insurance Code.
- Prohibits the Oregon Health Authority and coordinated care organizations (CCOs) from requiring prior authorization or step therapy for drugs prescribed to a medical assistance recipient for the prevention or treatment of HIV if the drug has been approved by the FDA and the prescribing provider has determined the drug is medically necessary.

FISCAL: *Fiscal impact issued*

REVENUE: *No revenue impact*

BACKGROUND:

Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) is a virus that attacks the body's immune system, making a person more vulnerable to other infections and diseases. HIV is spread by contact with certain bodily fluids of an infected person, most commonly during unprotected sex or through sharing needles. If left untreated, HIV can lead to acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS). Oregon's AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), CAREAssist, provides access to HIV medications for individuals who need help paying for those medications.

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