

SB 56 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 03/13/25

Action: Do pass with amendments. Refer to Ways and Means by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng).

Vote: 4-1-0-0

Yeas: 4 - Campos, Hayden, Linthicum, Patterson

Nays: 1 - Reynolds

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 1/28, 3/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires the Oregon Health Plan and health insurance plans issued in Oregon to cover computerized scans to detect calcium deposits in the coronary arteries for individuals 40 years of age or older.

Detailed summary:

- Requires medical assistance programs and health insurance plans in Oregon to cover the cost of computerized tomography coronary calcium score scans.
- Requires coverage of scans, with or without contrast, when ordered by a licensed provider.
- Exempts insurance coverage requirement from automatic sunset.
- Applies to plans issued, renewed, extended on or after January 1, 2026.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommendations and Health Evidence Review Commission review for covered services.
- Services covered by insurance plans available to firefighters.

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Limits coverage requirements to individuals 40 years of age or older.

BACKGROUND:

A computerized tomography coronary calcium score scan is a screening exam that uses computerized tomography (CT) to detect calcium deposits in the coronary arteries of the heart. A higher coronary calcium-score suggests a higher chance of significant narrowing in the coronary arteries and a higher risk of future heart attack ([Cleveland Clinic](#)) According to the [John Hopkins School of Medicine](#), because the test is relatively new, not all insurance plans cover it.

Senate Bill 56 A requires the Oregon Health Plan and health insurance plans issued in Oregon to cover computerized scans to detect calcium deposits in the coronary arteries for individuals 40 years of age or older.