HB 2591 A   STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure permits the Oregon Health Authority to adopt rules to include physicians who practice, or are in training to practice, anesthesiology, and certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs), or those in training to become CRNAs, to the Health Care Provider Incentive Program. The measure takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

House Vote: Ayes, 55; Nays, 0.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Medical practitioners that provide care in rural parts of Oregon may be eligible for a tax credit based on the distance from a major population center where their practice is located. The credit is currently available to practitioners licensed as certified registered nurse anesthetists, dentists, doctors of medicine and osteopathic medicine, nurse practitioners, optometrists, physician associates, and podiatrists. In order to be eligible for the rural provider income tax credit, practitioners must serve a set percentage of Medicare and Medicaid recipients in their practice and provide a minimum of 20 hours per week of patient care, averaged over the month, per tax year in an eligible rural area.

The Health Care Provider Incentive Program (HCPIP) was created through House Bill 3261 (2017) and is administered by the Oregon Health Authority and the Office of Rural Health. The HCPIP offers incentives to eligible students and providers committed to providing care to Oregon\'s rural communities. The HCPIP includes loan repayment and forgiveness opportunities, scholarships, and insurance subsidies.

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