

HB 3391 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 04/14/17

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

Vote: 5-4-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Alonso Leon, Greenlick, Keny-Guyer, Malstrom, Nosse

Nays: 4 - Buehler, Hack, Hayden, Kennemer

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires health benefit plan coverage of specified health care services, drugs, devices, products and procedures related to reproductive health. Allows exemption for plans sold to religious employers. Requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to implement a program to reimburse the costs of the services, drugs, devices, products and procedures relating to reproductive health provided to the individuals who can become pregnant and who would be eligible for medical assistance if not for certain federal requirements. Clarifies pharmacy claims reimbursement; aligns current statute to federal regulations and requires Health Evidence Review Commission to review the services provided in Section 2 and submit a report no later than November 1 of even-numbered years. Prohibits discrimination in provisions of health care coverage. Prohibits interference by public body in a consenting female's choice to terminate pregnancy. Prohibits public body's interference with health care provider terminating or assisting in termination of pregnancy of health care provider's patient, if the health care provider is acting within the scope of the provider's license. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current barriers to accessing reproductive care
- Current out-of-pocket costs
- Importance of women's reproductive preventive care
- The need for insurance to provide coverage for reproductive exams
- Impact to faith-based, not-for-profit health systems
- Philosophical and religious perspectives
- Concerns about First Amendment rights

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Clarifies pharmacy claims reimbursement; aligns current statute to federal regulations and requires Health Evidence Review Commission to review the services provided in Section 2 and submit a report no later than November 1 of even-numbered year.

BACKGROUND:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states that "a woman's reproductive system is a delicate and complex system in the body. It is important to take steps to protect it from infections and injury, and prevent problems—including some long-term health problems." The ability of a woman to maintain the health of her reproductive system means having control of her health care, including annual examinations, mammograms and, if and when, to become pregnant.

Preconception health refers to the health of women and men during their reproductive years, which are the years they are able to have children. There are several safe and effective methods of birth control (contraception) available

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to prevent pregnancy. These include: intrauterine contraception, hormonal and barrier methods and permanent birth control (sterilization). The effective use of contraception can significantly reduce the chances of having an unintended pregnancy and enable a woman to take steps to stay healthy for future pregnancy.