

**HB 2391 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Rules**

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**Action Date:** 05/11/17

**Action:** Without recommendation as to passage and be referred to Ways and Means.

**Vote:** 9-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 9 - Barreto, Hack, Holvey, Kennemer, McLane, Nosse, Rayfield, Smith Warner, Williamson

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires Oregon Health Authority to submit basic health plan blueprint to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services by December 31, 2017. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Purpose of referring to Ways and Means

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

A Basic Health Plan (BHP) is a state coverage option created under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The blueprint is documentation required by the federal government detailing the state's program design choices, including a full description of the operations and management of the program, as well as the program's compliance with federal law. The blueprint must include a funding plan for any non-federal funds needed to pay for benefits, services or costs, not covered by federal funds available to states operating a BHP. In the blueprint, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) would have to demonstrate operational readiness to implement a BHP. Before submitting the blueprint for federal approval, several policy decisions and programmatic design choices must be made, including provider reimbursement rates, benefit design and coverage and delivery system. Prior to implementation and federal approval, OHA would need to develop and test several system changes to demonstrate readiness. Federal regulations also require that Oregon seek public comment prior to finalizing and submitting the blueprint.