Senate Bill 608
Sponsored by Senator KRUSE

SUMMARY
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Establishes Advisory Committee on Prioritized List of Health Services. Directs committee to review and evaluate effectiveness of prioritized list of services.
Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2005.

A BILL FOR AN ACT
Relating to the Oregon Health Plan; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) The Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research shall establish an Advisory Committee on the Prioritized List of Health Services consisting of seven members. The Administrator of the Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research shall appoint the following members of the committee:
(a) Two members of the Health Services Commission, one of whom may be a former member of the Health Services Commission who was involved with the development of the original prioritized list of health services;
(b) One member of the Oregon Health Policy Commission;
(c) One member of the Medicaid Advisory Committee;
(d) One physician who is familiar with the Oregon Health Plan and licensed by the Board of Medical Examiners;
(e) One representative of a prepaid managed care health services organization as defined in ORS 414.736 that is under contract with the Department of Human Services to provide medical assistance to persons enrolled in the Oregon Health Plan; and
(f) One member of the faculty of a public institution of higher education located in Oregon who is trained in health services research, public health or a discipline related to health care.

(2) The administrator, in consultation with the advisory committee established under subsection (1) of this section, shall review and evaluate the assumptions, principles, policies, methodologies and processes employed in the development and maintenance of the prioritized list of health services created under ORS 414.720. The purposes of this review and evaluation are to:
(a) Determine the effectiveness of the prioritized list in managing the Oregon Health Plan since its implementation; and
(b) Provide recommendations to the Legislative Assembly concerning possible modifications to the methods used to revise and maintain the prioritized list that can improve the management and long-term sustainability of the Oregon Health Plan.

(3) A member of the advisory committee is not entitled to compensation or payment of
expenses as provided in ORS 292.495.

(4) The advisory committee shall select one of its members to serve as chairperson and another to serve as vice chairperson, for such terms and with duties and powers necessary for the performance of the functions of such offices as the committee determines.

(5) A majority of the members of the advisory committee constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.

(6) The advisory committee may meet at a place, day and hour determined by the committee. The committee also may meet at other times and places specified by the call of the chairperson or of a majority of the members of the committee.

SECTION 2. This 2005 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2005 Act takes effect July 1, 2005.