2007 Regular Legislative Session
FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION
Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office

MEASURE NUMBER: SB 153 **STATUS:** A-Engrossed
SUBJECT: Medicaid reimbursement
GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED: Department of Human Services, Department of Consumer and Business Services, and Department of Administrative Services
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DATE: May 8, 2007

EXPENDITURES: See Comments.

REVENUES: See Comments

EFFECTIVE DATE: On Passage.

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET: This bill is anticipated by the Governor's recommended budget.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANDATE: This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

COMMENTS: The bill requires employee benefit plan and health insurer to reimburse state Medicaid expenditures made for benefit of enrollee under specified circumstances; and requires employee benefit plan and health insurer to provide eligibility and claims to state Medicaid agency upon request.

The Department of Human Services (DHS) indicates that the bill brings the agency into compliance with the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005. The bill is expected to lead to better staff coordination with insurance companies in sharing third part insurance information, and may impact filing and honoring claims. At this time, DHS indicates that the fiscal impacts are indeterminate.

The bill expands the definition of health insurer to include self insured plans. The Department of Consumer and Business Services indicates that this change may impact complaint volumes; however, they do not expect to receive a significant increase in complaints and can absorb some fluctuation with existing resources. DCBS anticipated no fiscal impact resulting from the bill.

The Department of Administration, PEBB, and City County Insurance Services do not anticipate any fiscal impacts associated with the bill.