

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 4 - 3 - 0

Yeas: Buckley, Hunt, Roblan, Rosenbaum

Nays: Berger, Esquivel, Thatcher

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Meeting Dates: 6/20

WHAT THE BILL DOES: Upon approval by the people of Senate Joint Resolution 4 (2007), creates Oregon Healthy Kids Program, which includes option to provide private health care coverage to children. Allocates tobacco products taxes imposed by Oregon Constitution. Establishes Oregon Healthy Kids Program Fund. Establishes Healthy Kids Safety Net Fund, and allocates money to Rural Healthcare revolving account fund. Redistributes revenue occurring from current tobacco taxes. Takes effect January 1, 2009, if proposed constitutional amendment passes.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS: Adds adjectives “affordable, accessible” and deletes the term “coverage” in the statement of the health-care purpose of Oregon Healthy Kids Program.

BACKGROUND: SB 3-C distributes the constitutionally-raised tax increase on tobacco products that would result from passage of SJR 4-D. Revenue from the constitutional amendment would be dedicated to the Healthy Kids Program and other health, prevention, and education programs, with a new method of distribution, defined in sections 23 to 38, to keep current uses from losing funds. SB 3-C thus distributes the new revenue without harming the current uses depending on tobacco tax revenue.