

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	8 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Clem, Dallum, Greenlick, Komp, Lim, Roblan, Whisnant, Buckley
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Krummel
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Meeting Dates:	5/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Expands types of public bodies exempt from Insurance Code requirements related to health insurance coverage to include public bodies whose number of covered employees and dependents and retired employees and dependents is at least 500.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Regulation of insurance plans
- Size of pool of beneficiaries to be insured
- Inclusion of dependents in calculating size of pool of beneficiaries
- Importance of reserves for self-insured pools

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Under Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 30.260, a public body includes the state and its agencies, boards and commissions as well as any city, county, school district or other political subdivision. Currently: self-insured group health programs offered by school districts, community college districts, or community college service districts are exempt from the Insurance Code if the number of covered and retired employees, not including dependents, is at least 1,000 individuals; self-insured group health programs offered by individual public bodies other than school districts, community college districts, or community college service districts are exempt from the Insurance Code if the number of covered and retired employees, not including dependents, is at least 500 individuals; and self-insured programs offered by two or more public bodies are exempt from the Insurance Code if the number of covered and retired employees, not including dependents, is at least 1,000 individuals or if the annual aggregate contributions are at least \$500,000.

SB 989-A: includes dependents of employees and dependents of retirees in the count for the minimum individual threshold; lowers the size requirement from 1,000 individuals to 500 individuals for school districts, community college districts, or community college service districts; and deletes the exemption option of \$500,000 of annual aggregate contributions for two or more public bodies.

The Senate Education and General Government Committee gave SB 989-A a Do Pass as Amended recommendation with a 4-0-1 vote, and it passed the Senate 27-0-3.

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