

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Be Adopted
<b>Vote:</b>	9 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Bonamici, Bruun, Cannon, Flores, Gelser, Kotek, Maurer, Richardson, Greenlick
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	5/17

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Urges Congress to reauthorize Oregon State Children's Health Insurance Program.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Difference between HJM 23 and SJM 13A
- Background on Senate amendment
- Clarification of carry forward language
- The need for both measures

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** The State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) was created by Congress in 1997 and is funded by both the federal government and the states. SCHIP is designed to help states initiate and expand the provision of child health insurance to uninsured, low-income children. SCHIP is administered by the states which have three options for providing SCHIP coverage: create separate SCHIP programs; expand eligibility for benefits under the state's Medicaid plan (a Medicaid SCHIP program); or use both approaches in combination.

Within federal guidelines, states determine their SCHIP program(s) design, eligibility rules, benefits packages, payment levels and administrative and operating procedures. The SCHIP is set to expire September 30, 2007.