



PEBB also indicated that the Oregon Educators Benefit Board would begin to offer benefits to K-12 and Education Service District employees as of October 1, 2008. Passage of the bill will likely impact the cost of its benefit packages; however, the timing and amount of these costs are unknown at this time.

The Health Resources Commission indicates that the review of medical and behavioral health evidence on the treatment of pervasive developmental disorders and preparation of a report to the Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly would have a minimal fiscal impact and can be absorbed with existing resources.

The Department of Human Services (DHS) indicates that provisions of the bill would not be applicable to Medicaid. DHS anticipates minimal fiscal impact to work with the Health Resources Commission and other agencies in conducting a review of treatment of pervasive developmental disorders. These impacts can be absorbed with existing resources.

The Department of Consumer and Business Services indicates that passage of the bill would require insurance companies to modify their contract language. DCBS expects that the processing of revised filings can be accomplished with existing resources. The Oregon Medical Insurance Pool indicates that treatment of pervasive developmental disorders is already subject to the same conditions as treatment of a physical illness; therefore, no fiscal impact is anticipated by DCBS.

City County Insurance Services (CCIS) anticipates that there will be an impact on premium rates as their primary carrier is Regence; however, Regence has not provided CCIS with an estimate of the impacts on premiums at this time. Contracts are negotiated with August 1 effective dates, so impacts would not be realized until August 1, 2008. If impacts are similar to those experienced by PEBB, CCIS estimates that insurance premiums would increase by approximately 10 percent from current rates.