

**74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2008 Special Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

MEASURE: SB 1093-B

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

**Carrier – House: Rep. Greenlick
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Bates**

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure with Amendments and Be Printed B-Engrossed

Vote: 15 – 0 – 4

House – Yeas: D. Edwards, Galizio, Hanna, Morgan, Nathanson, Nolan, P. Smith
– Nays:

– Exc: Jenson, Shields

Senate – Yeas: Bates, Gordly, Johnson, Monroe, Nelson, Schrader, Verger, Whitsett

– Nays:

– Exc: Carter, Winters

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Meeting Date: February 20, 2008

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires transfer of SB 329 (2007) General Fund appropriation from Department of Human Services to the Oregon Health Fund, and increases Other Funds expenditure limitation for the Oregon Health Fund Board. Grants authority to the Oregon Health Fund Board to adopt rules. Changes date of required federal law committee report to the Oregon congressional delegation from July 31 to October 1, 2008. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current law Federal Funds language for Oregon Health Fund

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Eliminates transfer of General Fund appropriation but clarifies the SB 329 appropriations are appropriations to the Oregon Health Fund Board. Eliminates Other Funds expenditure limitation increase for the Oregon Health Fund Board (to be included in SB 5556).

BACKGROUND: The Healthy Oregon Act was enacted by the 74th Legislative Assembly (SB 329). The Act identifies principles on which the Act is based and established the Oregon Health Fund Program (“Program”) and the Oregon Health Trust Board (“Board”) to administer the Program. The Act was the result of the work of the Interim Senate Commission on Health Care Access and Affordability. The commission’s proposal was based on the consensus that incremental change cannot solve Oregon’s health care crisis and that comprehensive reform is required. The Senate Special Committee on Health Care Reform considered this proposal, along with various comprehensive health care reform plans proposed by other stakeholders and public testimony.