

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, statement not yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

Action: Without Recommendation as to Passage and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Rereferred to the Committee on Health Care

Vote: 9 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Bruun, Cannon, Dembrow, Garrett, Harker, Kotek, Maurer, Thompson, Greenlick

Nays: 0

Exc.: Kennemer

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Meeting Dates: 1/26, 1/28, 2/4, 2/9, 2/11, 2/23, 2/27, 3/4, 3/13, 3/16, 3/18, 3/20, 3/25, 3/30, 4/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes Oregon Health Authority and Board. Specifies duties, functions and powers of board. Transfers specific health and health insurance functions from Department of Human Services and Department of Consumer and Business Services to the authority. Allows insurance companies to work with the authority and the exchange. Creates provider tax to fund expansion. Expands Medicaid program.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure
- Board representation
- Funding proposals (provider tax sunset)
- Reimbursement rates
- Concepts for amendments
- Impact of Insurance Exchange
- Fee-for-service reimbursement rates
- Essential benefit package
- Cost containment proposals
- Impact on small businesses and self-insured

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces original measure.

BACKGROUND: The 2007 Legislative Assembly enacted SB 329 the Healthy Oregon Act, established the framework for a comprehensive health care reform plan for the state and identified a set of principles and goals to guide the reform process. The measure established the Oregon Health Fund Board, from which the program will be funded, and specified possible sources of contributions and appropriates money to the fund. SB 329 also created a board and five subcommittees to manage the fund. The Oregon Health Policy Commission, the Office of Oregon Health Policy and Research (OHPR), the Health Service Commission and the Medicaid Advisory Committee were directed to compile data and conduct research to inform the subcommittees. The board was directed to develop a comprehensive reform plan, based on recommendations of finance, delivery, benefits, and eligibility subcommittees, and to hold public hearings on the plan.

HB 2009-A is the product of the recommendations developed by the Oregon Health Fund Board.

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