

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	8 - 0 - 2
Yeas:	Barton, Cameron, Krieger, Shields, Smith J., Stiegler, Whisnant, Barker
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Garrett, Olson
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Meeting Dates:	2/10

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Mandates that every child support order must include a medical support clause. Requires that the clause address the providing of private health care coverage. Prohibits requiring a parent to provide health care coverage if the parent's disposable income is less than 150 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. Requires the Department of Justice to develop a medical support notice form. Clarifies that a last-issued child support judgment does not supersede an earlier support order unless it specifically states that it does. Conforms Oregon law to federal requirements. Allows a party to appeal a support order if the party's income is equal to or less than Oregon minimum wage for full-time employment.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- "Cash medical support" payments
- Medical support forms contingent on other medical support forms
- Minimum wage and 150 percent of poverty level

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Allows a party to appeal a support order if the party's income is equal to or less than Oregon minimum wage for full-time employment.

BACKGROUND: Whenever a child support order is entered or modified, a court or the Support Enforcement Division of the Department issuing the order or modification must order one or both parents to provide health care coverage. This is a relatively new provision. This bill is meant to both clarify when and how health care coverage is to be provided and to better conform state law to federal requirements.