

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Without Recommendation as to Passage and Be Referred to the Committee on Rules
Vote:	10 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Dembrow, Harker, Huffman, Komp, Maurer, Roblan, Sprenger, Thatcher, VanOrman, Gelser
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/13, 4/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Provides that requirements of ORS 243.886(2)(a), that self-insured districts and districts with independent health insurance trusts have premiums for benefits equal to or less than premiums for comparable benefit plans provided by Oregon Educators Benefit Board (OEBB), are operative October 1, 2013, rather than October 1, 2010.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Comparability studies and timelines for completion
- Adequacy of October 1, 2010 date and need for additional time

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Senate Bill 426 (2007) created the OEBB that acts as a common insurance pool for school districts. It specified that plans offered by the OEBB must be comparable in design to, and not more expensive than, benefit plans provided by districts immediately prior to purchase of board-approved plans.

OEBB was directed to contract for health, dental, and other benefit plans for employees of most school districts and education service districts before October 1, 2008. Self-insured districts and districts with independent health trusts were not required to join OEBB. They were required, however, to provide plans with premiums that were equal to or less than the premiums for comparable benefit plans provided by the board by October 1, 2010. House Bill 3246 extends the date of that requirement to October 1, 2013.