

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Bates, Kruse, Morse, Shields, Monnes Anderson
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	3/2, 4/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes premium assistance for children under the age of 19 years old enrolled in dental plans under the Family Health Insurance Assistance Program (FHIAP) and under employer-sponsored insurance plans through the Healthy Kids program. Requires that in order to qualify for premium assistance: (1) the dental plan provide coverage of dental services necessary to prevent disease and promote oral health, restore oral structures to health and function and treat emergency conditions; and, (2) expenditures from the plan qualify for federal financial participation. Removes investment and savings criteria from definition of “eligible individual” in premium assistance provisions. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Dental coverage requirements in federal Children’s Health Insurance Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA)
- Children who would be eligible for premium assistance
- Sources of funding

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Removes proposed statutory changes not related to premium assistance for dental plans.

BACKGROUND: CHIPRA included requirements that states provide dental coverage for targeted low-income children. During the state’s renewal of its Medicaid waiver, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services included language requiring Oregon to offer dental subsidies and wraparound coverage with approval from the Legislative Assembly. SB 101-A would bring Oregon in compliance with this federal requirement. The bill also clarifies that in order to qualify for premium subsidies under FHIAP or Healthy Kids, a dental plan must qualify for federal financial participation and provide coverage of dental services necessary to prevent disease and promote oral health, restore oral structures to health and function and treat emergency conditions. If approved, premium assistance would vary based on the family’s income.