

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	8 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Cannon, Doherty, Hoyle, Kennemer, Parrish, Weidner, Greenlick, Thompson
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	5/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires Oregon Medical Insurance Pool Board (OMIP) to consider costs of reinsurance program for children's coverage when determining sufficiency of funds in OMIP Account. Directs Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) to adopt rules establishing reinsurance program for children's coverage. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Continuity of care
- Federal reform includes reinsurance and risk adjustment mechanisms
- Collaboration associated with Children's Reinsurance Program
- Stakeholder work group
- Review of Reinsurance Program
- Federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) directives

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Oregon Medical Insurance Pool (OMIP) is the high-risk health insurance pool for the state. It provides health insurance coverage to children and adults who are unable to obtain insurance coverage because of health conditions.

The Federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), signed into law in March 2010, includes the requirement that health insurers offering coverage to children under the age of 19 must guarantee issue without a preexisting condition waiting period. As a result of the adverse selection risks associated with guarantee issue insurance, some of Oregon's insurers stopped issuing policies to children or required that the child's family also be enrolled in OMIP.

Until the details of the reinsurance programs included in the federal reforms have been determined, the proponents assert that an Oregon specific Children's Reinsurance Program could be useful in eliminating barriers for carriers to provide coverage to children.