

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
<b>Vote:</b>	6 - 3 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Clem, Harker, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Thompson, Greenlick
<b>Nays:</b>	Conger, Kennemer, Weidner
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	2/22, 4/15

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Allows local government governing body elect to participate in benefit plan offered by Public Employees' Benefit Board (PEBB) or Oregon Educators Benefit Board. Requires Governor appoint two voting members to PEBB or OEGB for each local government electing to participate in plan offered by board and two additional members for each 25,000 eligible employees. Clarifies decision to participate in benefit plans offered by PEBB and OEGB is made by governing body and not subject to collective bargaining. Allows local government governing body leave benefit plan offered by PEBB and OEGB to participate in benefit plan offered through the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) that conforms with Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Requires OHA Director appoint executive director of PEBB who shall report directly to OHA director.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Provisions of the bill
- Impact of rising health care costs on local government

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Replaces the measure.

**BACKGROUND:** The Public Employees Benefit Board (PEBB) is a labor-management board whose purpose is to provide high quality and affordable benefits to state employees. The Oregon Educators Benefit Board (OEGB) provides a similar function for Oregon's school districts. Because of the large membership, both boards are able to negotiate lower rates with carriers for their participants.

Oregon cities, counties and special districts each negotiate their own benefits with carriers. House Bill 2279-A allows these local government entities to participate in benefit plans offered by PEBB and OEGB, which proponents assert will help manage rising health care costs.

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