

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Greenlick
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Steiner Hayward

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure

Vote: 25 – 0 – 1

House

Yeas: Barker, Buckley, Frederick, Freeman, Hanna, Huffman, Jenson, Komp, McLane, Nathanson, Read, Richardson, Smith, Tomei, Williamson

Nays:

Exc:

Senate

Yeas: Burdick, Devlin, Edwards, Girod, Hansell, Rosenbaum, Steiner Hayward, Thomsen, Whitsett, Winters

Nays:

Exc: Johnson

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Meeting Date: May 17, 2013

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Abolishes private option in health Care for All Oregon Children program. Allows coverage for up to 300 percent of federal poverty guidelines with federal financial participation. Allows either Department of Human Services (DHS) or Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to enroll eligible child. Requires OHA to seek federal financial participation. Requires OHA to give written notice to responsible adults regarding end of private option and to ensure orderly transfer of enrollees to another medical assistance program.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fiscal impact
- Issues related to parents and children enrolled in different health coverage
- Technical system limitations for enrollment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: In 2010, the federal government enacted the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The ACA aims to decrease the number of uninsured Americans and reduce the overall costs of health care. The ACA creates mandates, subsidies and tax credits to employers and individuals to in order to increase the coverage rate.

Four key pieces of legislation bring Oregon into compliance with the provisions of the ACA and update related programs:

- House Bill 2240-A implements federal requirements in the Oregon insurance code and abolishes programs which become obsolete with the provisions of the ACA.
- House Bill 3458-A establishes the Oregon Reinsurance Program in the Oregon Health Authority. The program will help to stabilize rates and premiums for the market by providing supplemental reinsurance payments to insurers.
- House Bill 2859-A updates Oregon’s medical assistance programs to reflect federal Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program changes.
- House Bill 2091-A updates the Health Care for All Oregon Children Program to reflect federal requirements.