

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Nathanson  
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Winters

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

**Fiscal:** Fiscal statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure as Amended and as Printed B-Engrossed

**Vote:** 25 – 0 – 1

House

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

Nays:

Exc: Hanna

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Devlin, Edwards, Girod, Hansell, Johnson, Monroe, Steiner Hayward, Thomsen, Whitsett, Winters

Nays:

Exc:

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**Meeting Date:** June 21, 2013

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Creates nine-member health plan quality metrics work group consisting of: One member appointed by Executive Director of Oregon Health Insurance Exchange Corporation (Cover Oregon); one member appointed by Oregon Health Authority (OHA); one member appointed by Oregon Educators Benefit Board (OEBB); one member appointed by the Public Employees' Benefit Board (PEBB); five members appointed by the executive director of the Cover Oregon, in consultation with OHA, OEBB and the PEBB, that includes one individual with expertise in health care research, one individual with expertise in health care quality measures, one representative of insurers, one representative of consumers of health care, and one representative of a self-insured large employer. Specifies charge of work group. Requires work group to report progress to 2014 Legislative Assembly and not later than May 31, 2014 report to appropriate interim committee final report and recommendations. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Fiscal impact
- Need for work group

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Allows the Oregon Health Insurance Exchange to communicate with applicants regarding eligibility for health care subsidies or Medicaid, as well as contested case notices, by regular or electronic mail.

**BACKGROUND:** In 2010, the federal government enacted the Patient Protection and 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 improve the coverage rate. The ACA requires each state to create and maintain an insurance exchange through which to offer approved health care plans, tax credits and subsidies. In 2011, Senate Bill 99 was enacted, establishing the Oregon Health Insurance Exchange Corporation (Cover Oregon) for the benefit of individuals and businesses to obtain health insurance coverage through the exchange.

House Bill 2118 creates a nine-member health plan quality metrics work group to publish recommendations for appropriate health outcomes and quality measures to be used by Cover Oregon, Oregon Health Authority, Oregon Educators Benefit Board, and Public Employees Benefit Board. The work group will recommend measures that further the goals of the Oregon Integrated and Coordinated Health Care Delivery System while recognizing the unique needs and goals of the agencies impacted. Finally, the work group is to develop a common format for collecting consumer responses to the health quality measures and encourage the corporation, the authority and the boards to publicly report the findings.