

Oregon Health Authority
Oregon Educators Benefit Board Reform Options Report

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Committee on Ways and Means acknowledge receipt of a report on Oregon Educators Benefit Board reform options.

A budget note from the 2013 session directed the Oregon Educators Benefit Board (OEBB) to form a workgroup to consider and prepare a report on payment and delivery reform options and transparency in health care costs. The workgroup met several times to review and discuss health care costs. They reviewed a recent study on hospital costs, cost and utilization trends based on OEBB claims data, and tools and resources available to members to assist them in projecting future costs or comparing costs.

Among other things, the workgroup recommended OEBB evaluate various pricing tools that are available, to determine if they could meet the needs of members who want to compare costs. The workgroup was specific that quality should be taken into account as well as costs, if possible. The workgroup also recommended that OEBB continue to work with stakeholders on a broader range of alternative payment methodologies and other strategies.

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