



STATE OF OREGON
Legislative Counsel Committee

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To: Senate Committee on Health Care and Human Services
From: Lorey H. Freeman, Senior Deputy Legislative Counsel
Subject: -3 Amendments to Senate Bill 1526

You requested an amendment to Senate Bill 1526 to have the Oregon Health Authority “look into/study what it [would] look like to use CHIP dollars to subsidize commercial insurance for kids between 200%-300% FPL” and for the authority to “report back in the 2015 session to present the plan and get approval to seek federal approval.”

The committee was in session when I received the amendment request and remained in session beyond the time when I felt it necessary to send the amendment to our publications department to be ready for the committee’s next meeting. Therefore, I was unable to consult with the committee administrator about the logistical problems raised by the requested amendment. In order to accomplish the intent of the amendment and allow legislative action in 2015, I drafted the -3 amendments to direct the Oregon Health Authority to conduct the study and report to the Senate Interim Committee on Health Care and Human Services by September 15, 2014. I chose September 15, 2014, so that a plan can be submitted to the Legislative Counsel Committee for drafting prior to the bill request deadline established by Senate rules.

Of course, the amendment may be modified to change the due date to an earlier date or you may have the report submitted to the Legislative Assembly instead of to a committee, or to a different committee. I chose the date and the committee based on the usual timelines for task force recommendations in other bills.

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