
MEMORANDUM

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To: Human Services Subcommittee of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means

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Subject: SB 1582-A
Work Session Recommendations

The Oregon Health Authority created the Temporary Medical Insurance Program (TMIP) in order to provide an additional three months of insurance coverage for Oregonians that previously had insurance through the Oregon Medical Insurance Pool (OMIP). OMIP ended December 31, 2013 and there was concern that some members would not manage to get signed up through Cover Oregon.

SB 1582-A authorizes the OMIP Board to pay for costs of the TMIP program, and indicates that the first funding source to be used is the ending balance remaining from the expired premium tax. The bill also allows flexibility to the Oregon reinsurance program for potential changes to the federal reinsurance program.

The measure previously had a hearing in the Senate Health Care and Human Services Committee on 2/10/2014.

The agency estimates that about 1,800 enrollees will use the TMIP program between January and March 2014. Total costs are expected to be about \$5.2 million and the agency expects the remaining ending balance of the expired premium tax to be adequate to cover costs.

Amendment

The proposed -A4 amendment adds language to the bill that allows insurers to continue a transitional health benefit plan until December 31, 2015 or later if the federal government issues guidance that allows an extended period for these renewals. The amendment does not change the fiscal impact.

Motion: I move the -A4 amendment to SB 1582-A.

Measure as Modified

The measure, as amended, is recommended to be moved to the Full Committee on Joint Ways and Means.

Motion: I move SB 1582-A to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means with a “do pass” recommendation, as amended.

Assignment of Carriers

Full: _____

2nd Chamber: _____