

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
Vote:	9 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Clem, Conger, Harker, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Thompson, Weidner, Greenlick
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/5, 2/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires Oregon Health Insurance Exchange Corporation to request federal approval to take specified steps to protect Oregon residents and businesses from consequences of operational delays in Cover Oregon website. Expands authority of Governor to remove members of board of directors of Oregon Health Insurance Exchange Corporation. Clarifies national coinsurance rate and state attachment point. Establishes the Temporary Medical Insurance Program. Modifies definition of reinsurance eligible individual. Specifies Governor's authority relating to Cover Oregon board members. Makes employees of Cover Oregon subject to state whistleblower protections. Authorizes Oregon Medical Insurance Pool board to make expenditures for transitional medical insurance pool program. Modifies requirements for Oregon Reinsurance Program to align with changes in federal law. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Temporary Medical Insurance Pool (TMIP)
- Oregon Medical Insurance Pool background
- Current enrollment numbers for Cover Oregon
- Status of Cover Oregon website
- Fiscal impact to Cover Oregon
- Proposed amendments

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Clarifies national coinsurance rate and state attachment point. Establishes the Temporary Medical Insurance Program. Modifies definition of reinsurance eligible individual. Specifies Governor's authority relating to Cover Oregon board members.

BACKGROUND: Cover Oregon is the health insurance exchange for Oregon. Health insurance exchanges were authorized as part of the federal Affordable Care Act in 2010, which allowed states to establish their own health insurance exchanges, or they could let the federal government run one for the state. In 2011, the Oregon Legislature passed Senate Bill 99 creating Oregon's exchange.