

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:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Knopp, Kruse, Shields, Steiner Hayward, Monnes Anderson
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/10

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes Oregon Medical Insurance Pool Board to make expenditures for transitional medical insurance pool program. Modifies requirements for Oregon Reinsurance Program in response to changes in federal law. Clarifies the definition of reinsurance eligible individual. Allows flexibility to Oregon program if the federal government modifies current policy. Allows language detailing funding priority from existing resources for the Temporary Medical Insurance Program. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Reasons for Temporary Medical Insurance Pool
- Concerns relating to enrollment timeline
- Current fund balance
- Proposed amendment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Clarifies the definition of reinsurance eligible individual. Allows flexibility to Oregon program if the federal government modifies current policy. Allows language detailing funding priority from existing resources for the Temporary Medical Insurance Program.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Medical Insurance Pool (OMIP) was created in 1987 to provide medical insurance coverage to Oregon residents with pre-existing conditions.

The Oregon Health Authority will create a short-term health coverage program for current OMIP members who have not enrolled in replacement coverage by December 31, 2013. The program will be called the Temporary Medical Insurance Plan and will run from January 1 through March 31, 2014.