

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Rules
<b>Vote:</b>	9 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Clem, Conger, Harker, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Thompson, Weidner, Greenlick
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	2/12

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Prohibits insurer from denying reimbursement under health benefit plan for covered services provided to pre-adjudicated person in custody of county sheriff. Requires insurer to reimburse county sheriff for covered services at no less than out-of-network provider rate.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Current practices of persons receiving medical care while in custody of the sheriff
- Inmate care costs
- Insurance policies exclusion clause for incarceration
- Pre-adjudicated inmates
- Proposed amendment
- Increasing health care costs impacting smaller counties
- Concerns associated with complexities of the bill

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Specifies that the insured in custody of a county sheriff's office is pre-adjudicated. Specifies that the insured's health benefit plan is to reimburse at the out-of-network rate.

**BACKGROUND:** Currently, when an individual is arrested, whether it is by the Oregon State Police, a city police officer or by a sheriff's deputy, these individuals are housed in the county jail. Sometimes the length of stay can be days, weeks, months and maybe years. Once these individuals are placed in custody, federal health care programs stop (Veterans Benefits, Medicaid, Medicare), state benefits stop (Oregon Health Plan) and private insurance coverage stops. This leaves the inmates health care costs to the public safety budget of the Office of Sheriff.

House Bill 4110-A will prohibit private insurance companies from denying coverage or canceling a policy solely because the insured is in the custody of a county jail; and uses medical services such as emergency rooms, hospital beds, and outpatient services.

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