

Senate Bill 1526

Sponsored by Senator STEINER HAYWARD; Senators BATES, MONNES ANDERSON, Representatives GOMBERG, GREENLICK, NATHANSON (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires Oregon Health Authority to request federal approval to use Children's Health Insurance Program funds to subsidize costs of commercial health insurance coverage for children with family incomes from 200 percent to 300 percent of federal poverty guidelines. Requires authority to notify interim committee of status of request and to notify Legislative Counsel if request is approved or denied. Repeals Act on September 1, 2015, if federal approval is denied or not approved by adjournment sine die of 2015 legislative session.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to children's health care coverage; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. Subject to any federal approval that is necessary in order to obtain federal**
5 **matching funds from the Children's Health Insurance Program, the Oregon Health Authority**
6 **shall adopt rules to allow a child who is eligible for the Health Care for All Oregon Children**
7 **program, established by ORS 414.231, to receive subsidies for the costs of health care cover-**
8 **age offered by a commercial insurer if:**

9 (1) **The caretaker of the child chooses to obtain commercial health insurance coverage**
10 **for the child;**

11 (2) **The child receives all of the health services prescribed by the authority under ORS**
12 **414.065 either through the plan offered by the commercial insurer or as a supplement to the**
13 **plan; and**

14 (3) **The child's family income is from 200 percent to 300 percent of the federal poverty**
15 **guidelines.**

16 **SECTION 2. (1) If the expenditures for subsidies under section 1 of this 2014 Act are not**
17 **otherwise matchable under the Children's Health Insurance Program, the Oregon Health**
18 **Authority shall seek federal approval to treat such expenditures as matchable expenditures**
19 **under this state's Title XXI plan.**

20 (2) **The authority shall request any required federal approval no later than July 1, 2014.**

21 (3) **The authority shall notify the Legislative Counsel when the request for federal ap-**
22 **proval is submitted and immediately upon receipt of all federal responses to the request.**

23 (4) **The authority shall report to the appropriate interim committee of the Legislative**
24 **Assembly, no later than December 31, 2014, the status of any request made under subsection**
25 **(1) of this section.**

26 **SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2014 Act is repealed on June 30, 2015.**

27 **SECTION 4. Section 1 of this 2014 Act is repealed on September 1, 2015, if:**

28 (1) **Any required federal approval is denied; or**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **(2) The Oregon Health Authority does not notify the Legislative Counsel that federal ap-**
2 **proval has been granted before the date of adjournment sine die of the 2015 regular session**
3 **of the Legislative Assembly.**

4 **SECTION 5.** **This 2014 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
5 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2014 Act takes effect**
6 **on its passage.**

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