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House Bill 3517

According to a study executed by the Oregon Center for Public Policy, in Oregon, there are more than 17,600 children who face a statutory exclusion from medical assistance provided by Oregon Health Authority.

The current statute restricts OHA's ability provide assistance to these children and puts all Oregon children at risk. We know that children play with children and it is in our enlightened collective best interest to ensure they are all healthy.

We are here today to ask you to help us remedy this exclusion for some of Oregon's children. HB 3517 is a simple remedy which creates permissive language. There is no budgetary impact. This bill simply gives the Oregon Health Authority permission to provide necessary medical assistance if funds become available.

We respectfully ask you to pass this bill and ensure that the state fulfills its responsibility of preserving the public's health.

Thank you

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