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**Joint Committee on
Ways and Means**

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To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Human Services Subcommittee
Re: HB 2391 Relating to access to health care

Senator Winters: “The –9 amendment to HB 2391 replaces the original bill. This amendment makes changes to the current hospital assessment program by increasing the rate to 6%, discontinuing the Hospital Transformation Performance Program, and exempting OHSU from that program to create a new intergovernmental transfer program. It creates a new rural hospital assessment program, as well as a new managed care/insurer premium assessment at a rate of 1.5%. Finally, it establishes the Oregon Reinsurance Program, including transfers of funds to help support the program.

These changes are expected to result in additional revenues of \$673 million in the 2017-19 biennium to be used to fund the Oregon Health Plan and to help fund a reinsurance program. Total revenues include amounts that will be used to repay certain of the providers for some or all of their assessments. These resources are expected to leverage almost \$1.9 billion in federal matching funds.

The budget adjustments related to these revenues are made in the Oregon Health Authority’s budget bill, HB 5026.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends HB 2391 be amended by the –9 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.”