

## HB 2726 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Health Care

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**Action Date:** 03/08/17

**Action:** Do pass and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference

**Vote:** 5-4-0-0

**Yeas:** 5 - Alonso Leon, Greenlick, Keny-Guyer, Malstrom, Nosse

**Nays:** 4 - Buehler, Hack, Hayden, Kennemer

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to convene a work group to evaluate and implement an outreach and marketing strategy for the Health Care for All Oregon Children program. Permits all children residing in Oregon that meets the financial eligibility requirements to be enrolled in the program. Requires OHA, in collaboration with the Department of Consumer and Business Services, if necessary, to seek the necessary federal approval or waiver of federal requirements to secure federal financial participation. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Improving access to health care for children
- Importance of healthy children and preventive care
- Role of Coordinated Care Organizations
- Governor's Budget proposal
- Current unmet needs

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

#### BACKGROUND:

Medicaid (via the Oregon Health Plan, (OHP)) and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) provide no-cost or low-cost health care coverage for eligible individuals, families and children in Oregon. This coverage includes routine check-ups, doctor visits, prescription medications, immunizations, hospital care and dental care.

Currently, OHP is available to any child and adolescent (ages 0-18) whose family earns up to 300 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL). As of September 2016, the Oregon Health Authority reported that 408,815 children were enrolled in OHP/CHIP.