

**SB 46 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Kruse

**Senate Committee On Health Care**

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**Action Date:** 03/23/17

**Action:** Do pass.

**Vote:** 4-0-1-0

**Yeas:** 4 - Beyer, Kruse, Monnes Anderson, Steiner Hayward

**Exc:** 1 - Knopp

**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Moves references to the Public Employees' Benefit Board (PEBB) and Oregon Educators Benefit Board (OEBB) from the Oregon Insurance Code to Oregon Chapter 243. Establishes that references pertain to coverage of telemedicine, prescription drug refills and coordination for PEBB/OEBB enrollees covered by workers' compensation.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Provisions of the measure.

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Health plans offered by PEBB and OEBB are not under the jurisdiction of the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS). The majority of PEBB plans are self-funded and exempt from state insurance mandates due to federal law, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (commonly referred to as ERISA).

Senate Bill 46 consolidates regulations of PEBB and OEBB into a single statute (ORS 243). The bill does not propose any changes to current coverage mandates for plans offered by PEBB or OEBB in Oregon.