

HB 2010

Relating to funding to improve access to health care

HB 2010 extends the sunset dates for hospital assessments, insurance premium assessments, and the Oregon Reinsurance Program. The bill increases insurance premium assessments from 1.5% to 2% and expands the assessment to include stop-loss insurance. The bill also specifies that the 2% assessment on premiums received by the Public Employees' Benefit Board is excluded from determining the Board's 3.4% annual increase in per-member expenditures.

For the 2019-21 biennium, the bill results in anticipated revenue of \$152.5 million collected by the Department of Consumer and Business Services and \$182 million collected by the Oregon Health Authority related to the changes to insurance premium assessments. This estimated revenue, along with related federal matching funds, will help support the Oregon Health Plan, as well as payments from the Oregon Reinsurance Program to help stabilize health insurance rates and premiums.

The amendment recommended by the Subcommittee increases the minimum reimbursement received by the Oregon Health and Science University for providing Medicaid services from 84% to 87% of the university's costs of providing these services. The amendment authorizes this increase for the period of July 1, 2019 to July 1, 2025. The increase to 87% is consistent with the existing reimbursement level provided by the Oregon Health Authority and does not result in a fiscal impact.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends HB 2010 be amended by the –3 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.