

SB 770 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 4/1, 4/3, 4/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes the Universal Health Care Commission (Commission) to recommend the design of the Health Care for All Oregon Plan to provide high quality, publicly funded health care available to every individual residing in Oregon. Specifies membership of the Commission. Requires the Commission to produce findings and recommendations for a well-functioning universal health care system that is responsive to the needs and expectations of the residents of the state. Specifies values and principles the Commission must consider in making recommendations. Requires the Commission to provide an interim report to the Legislative Assembly no later than March 15, 2020. Requires the Commission to submit its final finding and recommendations to the Legislative Assembly no later than February 1, 2021. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal impact issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

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EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces measure.

BACKGROUND:

Health insurance coverage currently represents a mix of public programs (Medicare, Medicaid, TRICARE), employer-sponsored, and individual insurance options. According to the 2017 Oregon Health Insurance Survey, 93.8% of Oregonians had health insurance coverage; 47.5% were covered through private group health insurance, 26% were covered through Medicaid, 15.1% were covered through Medicare, and 5.2% were covered through private individual insurance.

Senate Bill 770 establishes the Universal Health Care Commission to recommend the design of the Health Care for All Oregon Plan to provide high quality, publicly funded health care available to every individual residing in Oregon.