SB 1551 -1, -3, -4 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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Meeting Dates: 2/4, 2/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to provide biannual reports to committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health on issues related to financial requirements and financial reporting requirements imposed on coordinated care organizations (CCOs). Extends to November 1, 2021 deadline for Task Force on Universal Health Care to report findings and recommendations for Health Care for All Oregon Plan and Health Care for All Oregon Board. Prohibits coordinated care organization from withholding information that must be reported to authority on ground that information is trade secret. Prohibits OHA from involuntarily transferring CCO member to another CCO prior to member's redetermination of eligibility for medical assistance. Specifies exceptions. Exempts certain benefits required by law to be provided by health insurance from implied repeal by operation of law. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued. FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

- -1 Clarifies CCO dispute resolution and arbitration requirements. Defines "agent" and "health care entity."
- -3 Restores language specifying circumstances in which OHA may approve the transfer of CCO members.
- -4 Postpones first required OHA report regarding CCO financial conditions from September 15, 2020 to September 15, 2021.

BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill 1041 (2019) granted the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) powers to regulate financial condition of coordinated care organizations that align with powers of Department of Consumer and Business Services to regulate domestic insurers. The bill also required required OHA to convene advisory group consisting of coordinated care organization representatives to recommend standards for reconciling differences in reporting needed by authority and reporting required under National Association of Insurance Commissioners' standards and required OHA to make easily accessible on website and report to Legislative Assembly, specified financial information regarding coordinated care organizations and reports submitted to authority by coordinated care organizations beginning with information from 2020.

Senate Bill 770 (2019) established the Task Force on Universal Health Care charged with recommending to Legislative Assembly design of Health Care for All Oregon Plan, administered by Health Care for All Oregon Board to provide publicly funded, equitable, affordable, comprehensive and high quality health care to all Oregon residents.

Senate Bill 1551 clarifies reporting expectations and timelines for both Senate Bill 1041 and Senate Bill 770.