

HB 2164 -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

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Meeting Dates: 3/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the office of the Governor to conduct a study on potential policy changes to address health equity. Requires the office of the Governor to report to the legislature no later than September 15, 2002. Takes effects on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-3 Replaces measure. Renames Health Care for All Oregon Children (Healthy Kids) program to Cover All People. Expands Cover All People to adult residents 19 years or older regardless of immigration status. Specifies eligibility criteria: adult, resident; income below 138 percent of federal poverty level (FPL) unless pregnant, at or below 190 percent FPL; ineligible for Medicaid or premium tax credits due to immigration status. Allows Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to narrow eligibility if necessary, based on appropriation. Directs OHA and Department of Consumer and Business Services to request federal approval or waiver to maximize federal participation. Allocates \$10 million to Cover All People.

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

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

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Health Plan (OHP) provides health coverage to individuals and families through federal Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). In 2009, the legislature passed House Bill 2116, establishing the Health Care for All Oregon Children (Healthy Kids) program that made coverage available to children and adolescents (0-18) whose family earns up to 300 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL). According to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), in 2019, approximately 97 percent of children and teens (0-18) were enrolled in health coverage. Among the remaining uninsured, 61 percent were identified as eligible for Medicaid but not enrolled.

Passed in 2017, Senate Bill 558 (Cover All Kids) extended OHP to all children residing in Oregon, regardless of immigration status below 300 percent of the federal poverty level. The measure also allocated funding to provide targeted, community-based outreach to assist with implementation through OHA's Community Partner Outreach Program (CPOP). According to OHA, at the end of the 2017-19 biennium, nearly 5,900 children had enrolled in OHP-Cover All Kids (2019).

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