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**To:** Human Services Subcommittee

**From:** Haylee Morse-Miller, Legislative Fiscal Office

**Date:** June 15, 2021

**Subject:** SB 65 – Relating to health insurance  
Work Session Recommendations

SB 65 transfers the Compact of Free Association (COFA) Premium Assistance Program and the health insurance exchange from the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). The transfer includes records, properties, employees, and available funds.

OHA is directed to annually report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health on the progress of this transfer by September 15, 2022; this reporting requirement sunsets on January 2, 2026.

In December 2020, the federal government adopted legislation reinstating Medicaid eligibility for COFA residents. Many, if not all, of the individuals who currently receive support through the COFA Premium Assistance Program are assumed to be eligible for Medicaid and will therefore transfer out of the program and to the comprehensive coverage provided by the Oregon Health Plan.

Should this measure pass, the transfer of funding and positions from DCBS to OHA will be included in the end of session bill.

### **Final Subcommittee Action**

LFO recommends that SB 65 be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

### **Carriers**

Full Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

House Floor: \_\_\_\_\_

Senate Floor: \_\_\_\_\_