

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 800 Relating to health care

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Capital Construction Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Gorsek

SB 800 establishes the Oregon Essential Workforce Health Care Program in the Oregon Health Authority to provide supplemental health care benefits to employees of long-term care facilities, residential facilities, and in-home care agencies. Eligible employers must be participating providers in the state's medical assistance program, and the supplemental payments are contingent on federal approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The measure also exempts from the Insurance Code an association or group of employers eligible for this program who administer a self-insured program when certain conditions are met.

To support the program in 2021-23, a \$30 million special purpose appropriation to the Emergency Board is planned for the end of session budget reconciliation bill. This funding will support OHA's costs for administering the program and the supplemental payments for employee health benefits, if CMS approves the program. The level of supplemental payments will depend on the number of eligible employers who choose to participate in the program, number of covered employees, and level of health care coverage provided.

The Capital Construction Subcommittee recommends SB 800 be amended by the -A7 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.