

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **HB 2994 Relating to hearing**

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To: Ways and Means Full Committee  
From: Human Services Subcommittee  
Carrier: Senator Campos

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HB 2994 modifies coverage requirements for hearing related items and services for health benefit plans and coordinated care organizations.

The measure requires Coordinated care organizations to provide bilateral cochlear implants, hearing aids and hearing assistive technology systems to medical assistance recipients who are 18 years old or younger.

The measure also requires health benefit plans to reimburse the cost for an audiologist to fit, program, or reprogram bilateral or unilateral cochlear implants, assistive listening devices or services regardless of the availability of over-the-counter devices or services.

The A-4 amendment includes \$517,750 Other Funds for the expected .04% premium increase for the Oregon Educators Benefit Board.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends HB 2994 be amended by the -A4 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.