

SB 470 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 04/04/23

Action: Do pass with amendments and requesting referral to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Engrossed.)

Vote: 4-1-0-0

Yeas: 4 - Gelser Blouin, Manning Jr, Prozanski, Thatcher

Nays: 1 - Linthicum

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/16, 4/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes the Youth in Custody Health Services Advisory Committee (committee) within the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to provide guidance to OHA and policy recommendations to ensure continuity of care and access to health care for youths detained in juvenile detention facilities. Establishes makeup of the committee; members to be appointed by the OHA director. Creates the duties of committee. Requires a report to the Legislative Assembly every even-numbered year beginning September 2024.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- 2023 federal appropriations bill
- Federal legislation covers youth in detention but that legislation is not in effect yet
- 1115 Medicaid waiver process
- Oregon has done well for physical and mental health coverage for children except when in custody, pending adjudication, or 30 days prior to release
- The majority of youth in detention are covered by some version of the Oregon Health Plan

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Health Plan (OHP) provides health coverage to individuals and families through federal Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). In 2009, the Legislative Assembly passed House Bill 2116, establishing the Health Care for All Oregon Children (Healthy Kids) program that made coverage available to children and adolescents (age 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 (age 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 2017-2019 biennium, nearly 5,900 children had enrolled in OHP-Cover All Kids (2019).

House Bill 3352 (2021) expanded Medicaid to adult residents 19 years or older regardless of immigration status and other qualifying criteria and renamed "Health Care for All Oregon Children" to "Cover All People."

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