

A-Engrossed
Senate Bill 576

Ordered by the Senate March 10
Including Senate Amendments dated March 10

Sponsored by Senator GELSER BLOUIN, Representative HARTMAN, Senators CAMPOS, HANSELL; Senators DEMBROW, JAMA, MANNING JR, PATTERSON, Representatives GOMBERG, NELSON, PHAM K, REYNOLDS (at the request of Disability Health and Employment Equity Coalition) (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Requires Department of Human Services to administer program to provide medical assistance to employed individuals with disabilities without regard to individuals' income or resources. Allows consideration of income when determining cost-sharing for program.

[Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.]

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to employed individuals with disabilities; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2023 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 414.**

5 **SECTION 2. (1) The Department of Human Services shall administer a program to pro-**
6 **vide medical assistance to employed individuals with disabilities residing in this state who**
7 **qualify for Medicaid under 42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XVI).**

8 **(2) The department may not consider an individual's income or resources in determining**
9 **eligibility for the program described in subsection (1) of this section, and may establish an**
10 **age limit to qualify for the program only to the extent that an age limit is required by federal**
11 **law. The department may consider an individual's income in determining premium or other**
12 **cost-sharing requirements if necessary to administer the program within available funds.**

13 **(3) The department shall coordinate benefits available under the program described in**
14 **subsection (1) of this section with an individual's employer-sponsored health insurance, if**
15 **any.**

16 **(4) The department shall seek federal approval necessary to exclude from consideration**
17 **earnings accumulated in a separate account while an individual participates in the program**
18 **described in subsection (1) of this section when determining the individual's eligibility for**
19 **medical assistance under ORS 414.706.**

20 **SECTION 3. The Department of Human Services shall take all necessary steps to ensure**
21 **that the program described in section 2 of this 2023 Act is in operation no later than July**
22 **1, 2025.**

23 **SECTION 4. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
24 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect**
25 **on its passage.**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

