

House Bill 4038

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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 **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act prohibits OHA from enforcing the Health Care Cost Growth Target program for 10 years. (Flesch Readability Score: 63.6).

Prohibits the Oregon Health Authority from taking enforcement actions against providers or payers under the Health Care Cost Growth Target program before January 1, 2036.

Sunsets January 2, 2036.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to health care cost growth; creating new provisions; repealing section 7, chapter 51, Oregon Laws 2021; and prescribing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, “health care cost growth,” “payer” and “provider” have the meanings given those terms in ORS 442.385.

(2) For a provider or payer that exceeds the health care cost growth target established under ORS 442.386 during calendar years 2021 to 2035, the Oregon Health Authority may not do any of the following before January 1, 2036:

(a) Analyze the cause for exceeding the health care cost growth target;

(b) Require the provider or payer to develop or undertake a performance improvement plan; or

(c) Impose a financial penalty.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2026 Act is repealed on January 2, 2036.

SECTION 3. Section 7, chapter 51, Oregon Laws 2021, is repealed.

SECTION 4. This 2026 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2026 regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

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.