

Selected Current Health Policy Bills

Report Date: Monday, May 19, 2009

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Bill #	First 2 Sponsors	Summary	Last Three Actions
HJR18	Mitch Greenlick Alan Bates	Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution establishing right of all Oregonians to equal opportunity to lead healthy and productive lives. Establishes obligation of state to ensure every legal resident of state equal access to effective, medically appropriate and affordable health care. Refers proposed amendment to people for their approval or rejection at next regular general election.	04/21/09 - Referred to Rules by prior reference. 04/21/09 - Recommendation: Be adopted and be referred to Rules by prior reference. 04/15/09 - Work Session held.
HB2009B	* Pre-session filed.	Establishes Oregon Health Authority Board and Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and specifies duties, functions and powers. (Some differences between HB 2009B and SB 856A)	05/04/09 - Assigned to Subcommittee On Human Services. 04/28/09 - Referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. 04/28/09 - Subsequent referral to Revenue rescinded by order of Speaker.
HB2116A	* Pre-session filed.	Creates Health System Fund (HSF) to fund medical assistance and private health option and to pay refunds of hospital assessment. Modifies hospital assessment. Repeals sunset on hospital assessment. Directs hospital assessment to be paid into HSF after October 1, 2009. Creates assessment on insurance premiums to be administered by Dept. of Consumer & Business Services. Directs assessments minus specified amounts to be paid into HSF. Creates assessment on capitation payments to Medicaid managed care plans to be administered by DHS. Directs assessments to be deposited in HSF. Imposes penalties for failure to timely pay assessments. Establishes Health Care for All Oregon Children (HCAOC) program for purpose of providing affordable, accessible health care to all Oregon children. Specifies qualifications for program. Directs DHS to provide medical assistance to specified persons for whom a public agency assumed financial responsibility. Establishes HCAOC program for purpose of providing affordable, accessible health care to all Oregon children. Specifies qualifications for program.	05/21/09 - Public Hearing and Work Session scheduled. 04/27/09 - Referred to Revenue by prior reference. 04/27/09 - Recommendation: Do pass with amendments, be printed A-Engrossed, and be referred to Revenue by prior reference, then be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.
HB2122	* Pre-session filed.	Increases tax on cigarettes and other tobacco products. Distributes tax revenues from increase. Applies tax increase to cigarette and tobacco products reporting periods occurring on or after January 1, 2010, or first day of calendar month following effective date of Act.	04/27/09 - Referred to Revenue by prior reference. 04/27/09 - Recommendation: Without recommendation as to passage and be referred to Revenue by prior reference, then be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. 04/22/09 - Work Session held.
HB2194A	Pre-session filed.	Modifies definition of "medical insurance" for purposes of OMIP. Establishes majority of voting members of OMIP Board as quorum. Specifies types of insureds excluded from calculation of assessment. Prohibits coverage of person through OMIP if public health entity or health care provider pays premium for person and payment reduces financial loss of entity or provider even if reduction of loss is not sole purpose for payment. Modifies requirements for portability health benefit plan coverage under pool by removing requirement to reside in Oregon for 180 days.	05/21/09 - Work Session scheduled. 04/30/09 - Public Hearing held. 03/04/09 - Referred to Health Care and Veterans Affairs.

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HB 3145A	Ron Maurer Alan Bates	Creates procedure and establishes criteria by which Director of Department of Consumer and Business Services may approve or disapprove health insurance premium rates for small employers or individual health benefit plans. Specifies date on which approved proposed rate takes effect. Prescribes information that must be provided by insurer seeking approval of rates.	05/04/09 - Referred to Rules by order of Speaker. 05/04/09 - Recommendation: Do pass with amendments, be printed A-Engrossed, and be referred to Rules. 04/27/09 - Public Hearing and Work Session held.
HB 3418	Chip Shields Brian Clem	Requires DHS to report to appropriate interim committees of Legislative Assembly on feasibility of implementation of system for reimbursement for health care delivered through primary care homes in Medicaid program. Directs department to apply to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for purpose of obtaining federal financing for system. Authorizes department to develop specified means of payment to improve current primary care delivery system.	05/08/09 - Third reading. Carried by Maurer. Passed. 05/07/09 - Rules suspended. Carried over to May 8, 2009 Calendar. 05/06/09 - Second reading.
SB14	Pre-session filed.	Repeals sunset on Oregon Patient Safety Commission.	03/17/09 - Effective date, January 1, 2010. 03/17/09 - Chapter 20, 2009 Laws. 03/17/09 - Governor signed.
SB23A	Pre-session filed.	Establishes Oregon Patient Safety Commission as central agency for collection of data and analyses by patient safety organizations in Oregon. Requires commission to submit biennial general fund budget request to Oregon Department of Administrative Services. Requires commission to analyze statewide patient safety data, to compare statewide data to federal data and to report findings. Authorizes commission to use Department of Revenue Collections Unit to recover unpaid fees. Removes sunset on Oregon Patient Safety Reporting Program.	05/07/09 - First reading. Referred to Speakers desk. 05/06/09 - Third reading. Carried by Kruse. Passed. 05/05/09 - Second reading.
SB451A	* Pre-session filed.	Requires DHS to establish and operate statewide registry for collection and dissemination of physician orders for life-sustaining treatment (POLST). Establishes Oregon POLST Registry Advisory Committee to advise department regarding registry.	04/21/09 - Assigned to Subcommittee On Human Services. 04/15/09 - Referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. 04/15/09 - Recommendation: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng.)
SB452A	* Pre-session filed.	Establishes Health Information Technology Oversight Council within Department of Human Services.	04/24/09 - Assigned to Subcommittee On Human Services. 04/20/09 - Referred to Ways and Means by order of the President. 04/20/09 - Recommendation: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng)
SB 453A	* Pre-session filed.	Authorizes Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research (OHPR) to require reporting of health-related information from health insurers, third party administrators and other specified entities. Declares emergency.	05/07/09 - Assigned to Subcommittee On Human Services. 05/05/09 - Referred to Ways and Means by order of the President. 05/05/09 - Recommendation: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng)

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SB454A	*	Pre-session filed.	Establishes data reporting requirements for carriers offering health benefit plans and for third party administrators. Requires Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research (OHPR) to convene stakeholder workgroup to develop uniform standards for licensed health insurers. Requires office to report on development of standards to appropriate interim committee of Legislative Assembly on or before October 1, 2009. Authorizes Department of Consumer and Business Services to establish uniform standards. Authorizes office to adopt reporting requirements for capital projects proposed by hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers. Requires office to adopt rules to ensure full disclosure about expected impact of capital project to community served by hospital or ambulatory surgical center. Directs OHPR Administrator to adopt schedule of penalties, not to exceed \$500 per day of violation.	05/06/09 - Referred to Ways and Means by order of the President. 05/06/09 - Recommendation: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng) 04/23/09 - Work Session held.
SB455A	*	Pre-session filed.	Requires Health Resources Commission (HRC) to conduct comparative effectiveness research and to disseminate research findings. Requires Health Services Commission (HSC) to develop or identify and to disseminate evidence-based health care guidelines. Requires OHPR to coordinate work of both commissions. Requires public bodies and public purchasers of health care to pursue purchasing strategies that adopt research findings and evidence-based health care guidelines. Appropriates moneys from General Fund to DHS for purposes of Act.	04/21/09 - Assigned to Subcommittee On Human Services. 04/16/09 - Referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. 04/16/09 - Recommendation: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng.)
SB456A	*	Pre-session filed.	Establishes patient centered primary care home program in Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research (OHPR) to define core attributes of patient centered primary care home (PCPCH), to establish process to identify PCPCHs that meet core attributes and to develop uniform quality measures and policies related to PCPCHs. Requires DHS Director to appoint advisory committee. Authorizes DHS to provide reimbursement for PCPCH services in medical assistance program. Creates Statewide Health Improvement Program to develop goals for reduction of chronic disease factors and implement strategy to achieve goals. Requires DHS to collaborate with health insurers and purchasers of health plans to develop strategies to reward publicly funded health plan enrollees for receiving care in line with PCPCH program and to develop, test and evaluate community-based strategies that enhance specified services provided by PCPCHs in underserved communities. Appropriates moneys for program.	05/07/09 - Assigned to Subcommittee On Human Services. 05/05/09 - Referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. 05/05/09 - Recommendation: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng.)
SB457A	*	Pre-session filed.	Requires specified healthcare workforce regulatory boards to collect information from licensees and report information to OHPR for creation of healthcare workforce database. Requires healthcare workforce regulatory boards to keep certain collected information confidential. Authorizes healthcare workforce regulatory boards to establish fees to reimburse boards for cost of data collection and reporting. Declares emergency.	04/24/09 - Assigned to Subcommittee On Human Services. 04/20/09 - Referred to Ways and Means by order of the President. 04/20/09 - Recommendation: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng)
SB856A			Establishes Oregon Health Authority Board and Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and specifies duties, functions and powers. (Some differences between HB 2009B and SB 856A)	05/08/09 - Referred to Ways and Means by order of the President. 05/08/09 - Recommendation: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng) 04/28/09 - Work Session held