74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2008 Special Session   **MEASURE:**   **SB 1093 A**
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY   **CARRIER:**
Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

REVENUE: No revenue impact
FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference
Vote:	4 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Gordly, Kruse, Morrisette, Monnes Anderson
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Carter
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Meeting Dates:	2/6, 2/8, 2/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs the Department of Human Services (DHS) to transfer $400,000 from the department to the Oregon Health Fund. Increases expenditure limitations to $440,000. Grants authority to the Oregon Health Fund Board to adopt rules. Exempts the Oregon Health Fund Board from certain public contracting requirements. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:
*   Oregon Health Fund Board's exemption from public contracting requirements
*   Modification of SB 329 (2007) appropriation
*   The need for the Health Fund Board to obtain rulemaking authority
*   Modification of the required reporting dates
*   Concerns relating to SB 8 (2007) implementation
*   Proposed amendment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces original bill.

BACKGROUND: The Healthy Oregon Act was enacted by the 74th Legislative Assembly (SB 329). The Act identifies principles on which the Act is based and established the Oregon Health Fund Program ("Program") and the Oregon Health Trust Board ("Board") to administer the Program. The Act was the result of the work of the Interim Senate Commission on Health Care Access and Affordability. The commission's proposal was based on the consensus that incremental change cannot solve Oregon's health care crisis and that comprehensive reform is required. The Senate Special Committee on Health Care Reform considered this proposal, along with various comprehensive health care reform plans proposed by other stakeholders and public testimony.

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