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Measure Description:

Requires Oregon Health Authority to report to Seventy-eighth Legislative Assembly on changes necessary to implement federal health care law.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Analysis:

Senate Bill 457 mandates that a health care insurance provider may not deny reimbursement for any service or supply covered by a benefit plan or cancel the coverage of an insured under plan because an insured is in the custody of a county sheriff's office, or because the insured receives medical care while in the custody of a county sheriff's office. The bill specifies that if a provider bills the keeper of a local correctional facility for a medical service provided to an individual in the custody of the facility, the provider may not bill for an amount that exceeds the amount that Medicare reimburse for the service.

Passage of this bill is anticipated to have a fiscal impact on the Public Employees' Benefit Board (PEBB) and the Oregon Educators Benefit Board (OEBB). However, this impact is indeterminate. PEBB and OEBB cannot estimate the number of PEBB and OEBB members who will be in sheriff custody during any plan year, or the number of times when county sheriffs or their agents have billed PEBB and OEBB for providing such care.