

HB 2037 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Knopp

Senate Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 04/22/19

Action: Do pass.

Vote: 4-0-1-0

Yeas: 4 - Fagan, Knopp, Linthicum, Monnes Anderson

Exc: 1 - Beyer

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/10, 4/22

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Gives Public Employees' Benefit Board and Oregon Educators Benefit Board discretion to offer long term care insurance plans rather than statutorily requiring the offering of such plans.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Discretionary basis of other board supplemental benefits
- Low enrollment in long term care plans
- Premium rate increases
- Regulation and rate approval by the Department of Consumer and Business Services resulting in boards' inability to negotiate rates

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Public Employees' Benefit Board (PEBB) contracts for and administers benefits for eligible state employees. PEBB benefits include mental and dental coverage; life, accident, disability and long term care insurance; and flexible spending accounts. The PEBB pool is made up of approximately 136,000 individuals, including 53,000 employees and retirees, and 83,000 covered dependents.

The Oregon Educators Benefit Board (OEBB) contracts for and administers benefits for most of Oregon's K-12 school districts, education service districts, and community colleges, as well as a number of charter schools and local governments across the state. OEBB currently provides benefits for almost 150,000 individuals, including actively employed and retired members and their dependents.

House Bill 2037 changes PEBB and OEBB's offering of long term care insurance plans from a statutory requirement to a discretionary decision made by the boards.