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To: Capital Construction Subcommittee

From: Tom MacDonald, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: June 21, 2021

Subject: HB 3352 – Relating to health care
Work Session Recommendations

HB 3352 renames the “Health Care for All Oregon Children” program as “Cover All People” and expands health care coverage to adults who would be eligible for Medicaid except for their immigration status. The measure appropriates \$100 million General Fund to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to implement this program, including for outreach and education.

The measure authorizes OHA to restrict eligibility to certain categories or groups of adults eligible for the program to remain within the capped funding amount, if necessary. If the agency needs to do this, decisions on which groups of adults to cover must be informed by a workgroup convened by OHA to ensure community feedback is included from a health equity perspective. This section is repealed on June 30, 2023.

OHA is required to seek federal approval or waivers of federal requirements available to maximize federal financial participation for the provision of program coverage, but implementation of the program is not contingent on federal approval. OHA is directed to report during the 2023 regular legislative session on program implementation.

The measure specifies various operative dates, with the program becoming operative on July 1, 2022. The measure takes effect on the 91st day after the Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

The recommended -A4 amendment requires OHA to seek workgroup recommendations if funding is insufficient to cover all eligible individuals; requires OHA to report on program implementation in 2023; changes the program operative date from March 1, 2022 to July 1, 2022; and establishes the \$100 million General Fund appropriation. Should this measure pass, the Legislative Fiscal Office recommends initially scheduling only \$10 million of the total appropriation to advance program implementation, including administration and outreach, while OHA determines the extent to which available funds can maximize the enrollment of eligible individuals.

Recommended Changes

LFO recommends adoption of the -A4 amendment.

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 3352, as amended by the -A4 amendment, to be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

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