

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 972

Relating to the health insurance exchange

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Human Services Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Gelser Blouin

SB 972 requires the Oregon Health Authority to procure and maintain a platform or service to provide access to the health exchange separate from the federally facilitated marketplace, or healthcare.gov.

Operation of the Marketplace is funded by assessments on participating insurers and will require \$2.1 million in Other Funds limitation and 4 positions. Funds will be used to release a request for proposal for a state enrollment, eligibility platform, and call center and to draft the required federal blueprint for transition from the federal system to a state-based model.

The bill is not amended for an appropriation, as the limitation was approved as a policy option package in SB 5525, OHA's primary budget bill.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends SB 972 and be reported out do pass.