

**HB 2994 B BUDGET REPORT and MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Rep. Pham H

**Joint Committee On Ways and Means**

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**Action Date:** 06/02/23

**Action:** Do pass with amendments to the A-Eng bill. (Printed B-Eng.)

**House Vote**

**Yeas:** 11 - Breese-Iverson, Cate, Evans, Gomberg, Holvey, Lewis, McLain, Pham K, Sanchez, Smith G, Valderrama

**Nays:** 1 - Reschke

**Senate Vote**

**Yeas:** 10 - Anderson, Campos, Dembrow, Findley, Frederick, Gelser Blouin, Hansell, Knopp, Sollman, Steiner

**Exc:** 1 - Girod

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**Oregon Health Authority**

**2023-25**

**Budget Summary\***

	2021-23 Legislatively Approved Budget <sup>(1)</sup>	2023-25 Current Service Level	2023-25 Committee Recommendation	Committee Change from 2021-23 Leg. Approved	
				\$ Change	% Change
Other Funds Limited	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 517,750	\$ 517,750	100.0%
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 517,750	\$ 517,750	100.0%

**Position Summary**

Authorized Positions	0	0	0	0
Full-time Equivalent (FTE) positions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes adjustments through January 2023

\* Excludes Capital Construction expenditures

**Summary of Revenue Changes**

Other Funds revenues to support the bill will come from premiums paid by employers and employees who participate in the Oregon Educators Benefits Board (OEBB).

**Summary of Human Services Subcommittee Action**

House Bill 2994 requires health benefit plans to pay for the cost of bilateral cochlear implants, including the fitting of the device, without requiring a deductible. The bill further requires health benefit plans to cover these devices and services regardless of whether they are prescription products or not. Coordinated Care Organizations are required to provide the devices and services described in the measure to medical assistance recipients who are 18 years of age or younger. The coverage requirements established in the measure impact public school and other employee health care coverage provided through plans offered by OEBB and Public Employees’ Benefit Board (PEBB), which are included in the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) budget.

The Subcommittee approved \$517,750 Other Funds expenditure limitation for OEBB to pay for the benefits required under the bill. This translates to an anticipated 0.04 percent premium increase on OEBB’s benefit plans due to the benefit plan changes and the removal of the deductible. The fiscal impact on PEBB and the Oregon Health Plan are expected to be minimal.

**DETAIL OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS ACTION**

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DESCRIPTION	GENERAL FUND	LOTTERY FUNDS	OTHER FUNDS		FEDERAL FUNDS		TOTAL ALL FUNDS	POS	FTE
			LIMITED	NONLIMITED	LIMITED	NONLIMITED			
<u>SUBCOMMITTEE ADJUSTMENTS (from CSL)</u>									
<b>SCR 030-04 Oregon Educators Benefit Board (OEBB)</b>									
Services and Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 517,750	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 517,750		
TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 517,750	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 517,750	0	0.00
SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION *	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 517,750	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 517,750	0	0.00