



OAFP Weekly Report

Week ending February 10, 2023

Capitol Climate

Week four saw continued work by lobbyists, legislative leadership and ways & means subcommittee co-chairs to understand the impact of the Governor's Recommended Budget (the GRB, which was released on February 1st.) As a signal of Governor Kotek's priorities the GRB is sometimes used as a framework for legislative leadership to make spending decisions, however, with a late release due to election the utility of the GRB remains in question. In addition, we still have two revenue forecasts to go before leadership knows exactly how much money the state has to balance its budget on. The next Revenue Forecast will take place on February 22nd and the penultimate, on which the state relies for budget balancing numbers will be on May 17th.

Legislative policy committees are continuing to struggle to fill their committee meeting agendas as legislative counsel's office works to meet the February 17th final bill drafting deadline (on this date legislative counsel must return all bill drafts to legislators, so that the bill filing deadline can be met on Feb. 21st.) This deadline is slowing down legislative counsel's ability to work on amendments for bills which have already been introduced, and so while legislators and the policy committees await amendments they are filling hearings with any, and every, bill that is ready to go "live."

On Tuesday, February 14th, Oregon will celebrate its 164th "birthday" (the day on which Oregon entered the union as the 33rd state.) Organizations around the state will be finding ways to celebrate, for information on resources and cultural events related to the celebration visit [this legislative website](#).

Committee Hearing Report outs

Senate Health Care

02/06/23

A public hearing was held on SB 486 (which requires Oregon Health Authority and coordinated care organization to pay reasonable per diem rate for patient whose discharge from hospital is delayed due to circumstances beyond hospital's control) an amendment was discussed that will be released soon to change the payment (regardless of the program) for an appropriate reimbursement rate, & [SB 191](#) (which requires Oregon Health Authority to study fee-for-service medical assistance recipients' access to health care providers in rural areas of this state.) A work session was held on [SB 216](#) (which prohibits disclosure of individually identifiable data collected in accordance with uniform standards adopted by Oregon Health Authority) There was considerable pushback to the inclusion of the [-1 amendment](#) for this bill by Sen. Hayden & Sen. Bonham, to the point that the work session was carried over to the next committee.

Senate Health Care

02/08/23

A work session was held on [SB 216](#) (prohibits the disclosure of individually identifiable data collected in accordance with uniform standards adopted by Oregon Health Authority) which had been carried over from the 2/6/2023 meeting to withdraw the [-1 amendment](#) because Sen. Hayden & Sen. Bonham wanted both an OHA and Justice Department representative to answer their questions from the 2/6/2023 meeting, and both would not be available until next week so Chair Patterson asked Sen. Hayden to withdraw the amendment until their questions could be answered. A public hearing was held on [SB 584](#) (Directs Oregon Health Authority to implement website with functionality to provide online scheduling portal for health care providers that participate in medical assistance to use to contact health care interpreters directly and to process billing), which ran out of time, Chair Patterson will extend the Public Hearing to the next session to receive everyone's testimony.

House Behavioral Health and Health Care

02/07/23 through 02/08/23

On Tuesday there was a public hearing was held on [HB 2552](#) (increases the amount of income tax credit allowed to rural medical providers) where there was broad support for the bill with the expectation being a representative from tax fairness oregon & [HB 2723](#) (modifies conditions of eligibility for tax credit allowed to rural medical care provider). The only opposition to the bill came from Tax Fairness Oregon. A work session was held on [HB 2278](#) (authorizes pharmacists to

administer influenza vaccine to persons six months of age or older), the committee did a do pass recommendation unanimously moving it to the floor. A brief public hearing on [HB 2538](#) (Requires health insurance coverage of health care interpretation services that are legally mandated) during which Rep. Dexter gave her testimony.

A public hearing was held on [HB 2584](#) (Removes requirement that physician assistant collaboration agreement with employer include physician assistant performance assessment.) that was met with broad support after a few technical questions were answered. After that, testimony for HB 2538 resumed and various insurance representatives voiced their concern for people with high deductible plans as this legislation would dramatically increase their cost. Laurie Cramer, from Legislative Counsel, informed legislators that these costs would be covered after the person's deductible was met.

Joint Ways and Means Human Services Subcommittee

02/06/23

An informational meeting on [HB 5026](#) regarding the Oregon Department of Human Services Overview. ([Slides](#)) The main topics they went over were regarding: Who the ORDHS is, their Key 2021-23 accomplishments, the Challenges and opportunities ahead, and their current and proposed budget. A lot of the discussion by Sen. Gelser, Rep Valderama, Rep. Goodwin and Fariborz Pakseresht after the presentation was about workforce issues particularly regarding medicaid eligibility determination work.

Coalition Meeting Report

AHO Policy Check-In

02/08/23

During this week's meeting organizations askedThis we was focused on asking for logos/signatures in support of bill, specifically: s. [SB 704](#): Single payer health care financing system ([sign on form](#)), [HB 2773](#): Work force bill (email logo to arah@oregonclho.org), [SB 520](#): Compassionate release bill (email logo to samantha@oregonpsr.org), [HB 2458](#): Ban on conversion therapy for adults (email ken.chin@portlandmh.com for info on how to support), [SB 564](#): Appropriates moneys to be used for regional health equity coalitions (asking for testimony).

Oregon Health Authority committee meetings

Oregon Health Policy Board

02/07/23

OHPB discussed the Oregon Health Authority Updates, Health Care Provider Incentives Program Evaluation & Admin Expenses, OHA 2023 Legislative Session Updates, the 2023–2025 Governor’s Budget Overview, Coordinated Care Organization 2025 Contract Procurement with Closing Discussion Questions.

Oregon Healthcare Workforce Committee

02/08/23

The Oregon Healthcare Workforce Committee (HCWF) went over the Review of Member Survey Results with a proposal for 3 HCWF subcommittees based on the response to the survey and a counter proposal about focusing on one issue at a time so that the HCWF isn't dividing its effort on.

The Week Ahead

Senate Health Care

02/13/2023 1:00 PM

[SB 704](#): Relating to universal health care; declaring an emergency.

Public Hearing

Senate Health Care

02/15/2023 1:00 PM

[SB 584](#): Relating to health care interpreters.

Public Hearing

Senate Health Care

02/15/2023 1:00 PM

[SB 216](#): Relating to data collected by the Oregon Health Authority; prescribing an effective date. Prohibits sharing identifiable information.

Work Session

House Behavioral Health and Health Care

02/15/2023 3:00 PM

[HB 2395](#): Relating to substance use. Rep. Dexter’s opioid package of concepts.

Work Session