



## OAFP Weekly Report

Week ending February 24, 2023

### Committee Hearing Report outs

#### *Senate Health Care*

02/13/2023

A public hearing was held on [SB 704](#) (Establishes Universal Health Plan Governance Board and directs board to create comprehensive plan for implementing Universal Health Plan beginning in 2027) which is a very popular issue, over 70 people requested to testify today. Both the Hearing room and an overflow room were full. There will most likely be no questions from legislators in order to allow the large amount of testimony in favor of SB 704. The other items and further testimony questions on SB 704 are expected to be pushed back till Wednesday.

#### *Joint Subcommittee On Human Services*

02/15/2023

A Public Hearing on [HB 5026](#) (pertaining to the DHS on Child Welfare, Statewide Assessments and Enterprise-wide Costs, Self Sufficiency, Child Welfare, and Vocational Rehabilitation) where various interest group representatives came out in support of this bill. The only exception to this was a representative for Oregon's association for the Deaf where he asked for an additional \$500k in order to catch up in regards to services that Washington and California already does.

#### *Senate Health Care*

02/15/2023

A public hearing 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) where the testimony given was mostly split between interpreters being supportive of the bill and interpreter service providers being generally against the bill. Then a work session on [SB 216](#) (Prohibits disclosure of individually identifiable data collected in accordance with

uniform standards adopted by Oregon Health Authority for collection of data on race, ethnicity, preferred spoken and written languages, disability status, sexual orientation and gender identity.) This was brought up again now that there are OHA & OJD representatives to answer legal questions the work session ended with no motion put forward to vote on. [SB 704](#) (Establishes Universal Health Plan Governance Board and directs board to create comprehensive plan for implementing Universal Health Plan beginning in 2027), was carried over from the 02/13/2023 agenda due to the vast amount of positive public testimony for a Universal Health Plan. The remaining 29 people to testify today were almost all in support of the bill after Sen. Manning came back to answer a few legal questions about the bill and the proposed amendment.

## **Coalition Meeting Report**

*AHO Policy Check-In*

02/15/2023

Seth Dugan-Knight from Rep. Nosse's staff presented on the representatives priorities, which are, implementation of previous funds such as M 110 and replenishing successful programs. The office is concerned we will not have as much capacity with funding as we have in previous years. OHA also spoke but said they will remain natural until bills are further in committee (3-4 weeks). OHA's priorities mimic Rep. Nosse's. Oregon Consumer Justice and Oregon Environmental Council both spoke about [SB 542](#) (right to repair bill) and requested support. Alcohol and Drug Policy stated they support Dexter's Opioid Package. [HB 2918](#) (Relating to mobile health units) is scheduled for a public hearing on March 1st, AHO is calling for support and testimony.

## **The Week Ahead**

House Business and Labor

02/20/2023 8:00 AM

[HB 2277](#): Relating to regulating third-party insurance plan administrators; prescribing an effective date.

*Public Hearing*

Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee On Human Services

02/20/2023 8:00 AM

[SB 5525](#): Relating to the financial administration of the Oregon Health Authority; declaring an emergency.

*Information Meeting*

House Behavioral Health and Health Care

02/21/2023 5:00 PM

[HB 2742](#): Relating to health care costs.

*Public Hearing*

[HB 2091](#): Relating to Health Care Cost Growth Target program; declaring an emergency.

*Public Hearing*

House Behavioral Health and Health Care

02/22/2023 3:00 PM

[HB 2395](#): Relating to substance use, Rep. Dexter's opioid focused bill.

*Work Session*