

OAFP Weekly Report

Week ending March 10, 2023

Committee Hearing Report outs

Joint Ways and Means Human Services Subcommittee

03/06/2023

An Informational Hearing on [SB 5522](#) relating to the Oregon Medical Board's Agency [Presentation](#) where after a short presentation on what the OMB does and what it strives to do in the future (such as attract and retain highest qualified board members and consultants, thoroughly and equitably review complaints against licensees and applicants, provide optimal staffing and quality resources, increase outreach and education, efficiently manage licensure, and support the health and wellbeing of OMB providers, remediating licensees and applicants to safe and active practice when necessary) with no questions or comments by the committee members. This was followed by the Dept of Administrative Services (DAS) [Presentation](#) by the CFO and an explainer on how the OMB requests funding where instead of asking for small budget increases every biennium they ask for big increases to their budget once or twice a decade at most there was no more public comment on this bill.

House Behavioral Health and Health Care

03/06/2023

A Public Hearing on [HB 3157](#) (which establishes Health Insurance Mandate Review Advisory Committee to review each proposed legislative measure, legislative concept or amendment that requires health insurer or health care service contractor to reimburse cost of specified procedure or provider, if measure, concept or amendment is posted to legislative committee's agenda, and to produce report on equity and financial effects of each required coverage that is proposed and efficacy of treatment or service proposed) was held; testimonies were almost completely in support of this measure (one testimony by a representative from the Cascade Aids Project (CAP) expressed concerns regarding the Mandate Review Advisory Committee's near complete lack of opportunity for public involvement in the committee.)

House Behavioral Health and Health Care

03/07/2023

A work session on [HB 2486](#) (which allows certain pharmacy technicians to administer vaccines) was held. After being voted out with a do pass recommendation Rep Morgan expressed concern regarding negligence liability, Chair Nosse quickly addressed her concerns as the scope of the bill is to not change any of the liability laws that are currently in place (hence the bill moving forward without amendments).

Joint Subcommittee On Human Services

03/07/2023-03/09/2023

The Oregon Health Authority began their agency [presentation](#) ([SB 5525](#)); OHA were questions regarding the origin of their funding and how the Oregon Health Plan redetermination process (when the public health emergency ends and kicks people off OHP) is going to work. OHA presented on Central Services and State Assessments and Enterprise-wide Costs ([slides](#)) where everyone seemed happy after the presentation and only questions asked were regarding the size and scope of the OHA's programs presented. The final day they gave an overview of the Health Systems Division, Oregon Health Plan ([slides](#)), after the lengthy presentation Senator Hayden made it very clear he did not like OHA using Key-Pro for vulnerable populations, Rep Diehl had many of questions regarding the KPMs we had for our federal contracts for the 1115 waivers, and Rep Goodwin had some process questions regarding the medicaid bridge plans. It is near certain that Dana Hittle the Medicaid Director for OHA will return shortly.

Senate Health Care

03/08/2023

A Public Hearing on [SB 565](#) was held (which requires insurer, pharmacy benefit manager, Public Employees' Benefit Board, Oregon Educators Benefit Board and health care service contractor to count payments made by or on behalf of enrollee for costs of certain prescription drugs when calculating enrollee's contribution to out-of-pocket maximum, deductible, copayment, coinsurance or other cost-sharing for drugs); it was met with broad bipartisan support. [SB 972](#) (that requires Oregon Health Authority to transition from healthcare.gov to state-based marketplace by November 1, 2026.) the Interim Director Health Policy Analytics & the Director Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace answered a few questions about the cost for staying in the federal system and the savings we would receive by implementing the bill by Chair Patterson. Sen Hayden also had a few questions about how would this bill be paid for that was not answered during the committee

House Behavioral Health and Health Care

03/08/2023

Public hearing on [HB 2235](#) (that requires Oregon Health Authority to study access to behavioral health treatment in rural and medically underserved areas of this state); Rep Sanchez presented the bill with questions on the specific areas of focus, with pushback on the bill directed towards the reduction in patient access.

Floor Activity

[HB 2584](#): Relating to physician assistants. Removes requirement that physician assistant collaboration agreement with physician or employer include performance assessment and review process

03/07/2023

Third reading. Carried by Diehl. Passed without any debate or discussion.

59 Yes, 0 No, 1 Excused

Coalition Meeting Report

AHO Policy Check-In

03/08/2023

Nothing of interest was discussed.

The Week Ahead

Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Services

03/13/2023 8:00 AM

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

Information Meeting

Senate Floor

03/13/2023 10:30 AM

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

Third Reading

Senate Health Care

03/13/2023 1:00 PM

[SB 191](#): Relating to medical assistance. Study bill, for recipients' of fee-for-service medical assistance in rural areas.

Work Session

[SB 972](#): Relating to the health insurance exchange; declaring an emergency. State marketplace bill.

Work Session

[SB 450](#): Relating to opioids. Exempts from labeling requirements drug intended to reverse opioid overdose when drug is dispensed by physician or physician assistant.

Public Hearing

Senate Labor and Business

03/14/2023 8:00 AM

[SB 849](#): Relating to professional workforce; declaring an emergency.

Possible Work Session

Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Services

03/14/2023 8:00 AM

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

Public Hearing

House Behavioral Health and Health Care

03/14/2023 5:00 PM

[HB 2455](#): Relating to audits of claims for reimbursement of the costs of behavioral health treatment; prescribing an effective date. Pertains to audits of claims for reimbursement for behavioral health services.

Public Hearing

Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Services

03/15/2023 8:00 AM

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

Informational Meeting

Senate Health Care

03/15/2023 1:00 PM

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

Work Session

[SB 968](#): Relating to systems of care. Study bill on Oregon's systems of care.

Public Hearing

[HB 967](#): Relating to health care; declaring an emergency. Replaces current medicaid committees and create a blended committee

Public hearing