



OAFP Week ending April 14, 2023

Capitol Climate

So much happened and so little happened – encapsulates the dichotomies of this week in the Capitol. To attempt progress on the bill backlog both the House and Senate canceled policy committee meetings and held marathon floor sessions. Tension ran high though as Republicans in both chambers used delay tactics to slow progress and give voice to their concerns about specific pieces of legislation (HB 2005, gun bill; HB 2002, reproductive health rights/gender affirming care; SB 611, rent control). Late Wednesday, House Republicans agreed to ease up in exchange for a delay on a vote for the gun bill and a date certain set for voting on reproductive health rights/gender affirming care (May 1st). Read OPB's take on this week's happenings [here](#).

Governor Kotek continues her role in signing priority legislation into law, this week with SB 4 – the Oregon CHIPS Act, which will provide \$200 million for Oregon industry to take advantage of the federal CHIPS Act and build up our semiconductor industry.

While legislators were busy attending to floor sessions and the Governor was signing bills we spent our time getting legislative staff up to speed on bill developments (now that the deadline has passed) and regrouping with coalition partners to assess next steps for priority bills. Next will look to be a “return to normal” for legislative work, we’re already seeing policy committee agendas are trickle out. Here’s to hoping we have a “steady as we go” remainder of April!

Committee Hearing Report outs

Joint Ways and Means

04/13/2023

Work Sessions

[SB 5522](#): Oregon Medical Board budget bill

- Passed with [-1 amendment](#) which increases the budget to \$18,506,656 (3.4%% increase over the 2023-25 current service level). Rep Cate and Reschke objected.

[HB 2002 A](#): Abortion and gender affirming care access bill

- Passed on a party line vote with [-16 amendment](#) (puts HECC in charge of funds for Rural Health and establishes the Student Health Reproductive Health Grant program including funding) reported out “do pass”. Discussion was similar to public hearings. Republicans were upset that this bill was rushed and that Senate policy committees did not get a say. The questions focused on parental consent and the ages in which people would be able to receive abortions or gender affirming care. Regarding funding, the only question was how the Healthier Oregon program would work with this bill and what if anything it would cover.

Floor Activity

SB [192](#), Directs pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) to file a report with the DCBS to include the aggregated dollar amount of rebates, fees, price protection payments, and any other payments received from drug manufacturers. *(Bill comes out of the Prescription Drug Affordability Board’s directive from the legislature, in 2021, to develop recommendations)*

04/12/2023

- **Moved back to Senate Rules for further work**

SB [1043](#), Requires hospitals, detoxification facilities, and residential treatment facilities to provide two doses of opioid overdose reversal medication to patients who are treated for opioid use disorder and who are discharged to an unlicensed setting.

04/12/2023

- Sen. Wagner presented the bill, done at the request of Gov. Kotek to address Oregon’s overdose challenges.

- Thatcher: questioned the minimal fiscal for localities, given testimony. Who pays? Insurance, individual, treatment facilities. What's the cost for providers? (unanswered)
- **Passed 27-0-3 (excused: Gorsek, Hayden, Linthicum)**

SB [608](#), OHA must conduct, every 3 years, a survey of retail pharmacy providers that are enrolled as Medicaid providers in the state medical assistance program. The survey shall determine the cost to the providers for dispensing prescription drugs, and if the survey indicates a change is needed in reimbursement, OHA shall submit to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services a request for a state plan amendment to change the professional dispensing fee.

04/12/2023

- Sen. Campos presented the bill and Sens. Hayden, Bohnam, and Patterson spoke in favor, highlighting the urgent need to address reimbursements for prescriptions, particularly in rural areas, to ensure patient affordability and access. Questions did arise as to why a 3 year review period given the fluctuation in market prices, but fiscal impact from OHA prevented a shorter timeframe from being feasible.
- **Passed 27-2-1 (Nay: Boquist & Robinson)**

[HB 2513](#): M110 Implementation

04/13/2023

Presented by Rep. Nosse, the bill passed out of Floor. All discussion was in favor of the bill focusing on the need for transparency, accountability, and listening to the voters. The Republicans focused on how implementation of M110 has failed/been too slow but that they believe this bill is a step in the right direction.

Yes 48 No 3 Excused 7

[HB 2235](#): Requires OHA to convene a work group on barriers to behavioral health workforce and retention.

04/13/2023

Presented by Rep. Sanchez, the bill passed out of Floor. Rep. Diehl and Conrad spoke in opposition not finding the point in another work group and wanting the work group to include more than just practitioners.

Yes 36 No 15 Excused 8

Coalition Meeting Report

AHO Policy Check-In

04/12/2023

[SB 1089](#) (the new universal health care bill) was referred to Rules and is waiting for an accurate fiscal, the only issue is if the state has enough money.

The Week Ahead

Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Services

04/17/2023 8:00 AM

[HB 5525](#): Oregon Health Authority Budget
Information Meeting

Senate Health Care

04/17/2023 1:00 PM

[SB 1042](#): Requires Oregon Health Policy Board to submit a comprehensive report regarding success in achieving aims of Oregon Integrated and Coordinated Health Care Delivery System by 12/31/2024.

Public Hearing

House Behavioral Health and Health Care

04/17/2023 3:00 PM

[SB 232](#): Allows out of state Physicians or Physicians Assistants to provide tele-medicine to patients in Oregon.

Public Hearing

[SB 216](#): Allows for the collection of national origin information to identify and address health disparities in the community.

Public Hearing

Senate Floor

04/18/2023 10:30 AM

[SB 376](#): Adds accreditation standards for individual insurance companies that write more than \$500M in annual premiums and insurance company holding groups that collectively write more than \$1B in annual premiums to provisions applicable to health care service contractors in ORS 750.055

Third Reading

House Rules

04/18/2023 1:00 PM

[HB 3431](#): Takes money from cannabis tax revenue, before M110 gets its dollars, for the equity investment fund.

Work Session

Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Services

04/19/2023 8:00 AM

[HB 5525](#): Oregon Health Authority Budget

Information Meeting

House Behavioral Health and Health Care

04/19/2023 3:00 PM

[SB 450](#): The bill removes the requirement that physicians and physician's assistants must note on the label of the drug with identifiable information, any cautionary statements, and the expiration date of the drug when dispensing a nasal spray for reversing opioid overdose.

Public Hearing

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Work Session

[SB 216](#): Allows for the collection of national origin information to identify and address health disparities in the community.

Work Session

Senate Rules

04/20/2023 3:00 PM

[SB 1089](#): New universal health care bill (former SB 704)

Public Hearing and Work Session