



OAFP Week ending June 16th, 2023

Capitol Climate

We're back!!!

Or, Senate Republicans are back (I've been here alllll along.) Well, enough of them are back to provide a quorum for the Senate to resume floor sessions (several are still out and won't likely return this session). Negotiations last weekend led into more negotiations up through Wednesday this week resulting in a deal that brought Senate Republicans back to the building. Both the Democrats and Republicans are claiming the "win" in this episode (see [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#) for press releases) but the real winners are the bills that will be able to make it through this legislative session and the impact for Oregonians on having a state budget finalized without delay.

What does this all mean for the massive number of agency budgets and various policy & funding bills in the queue? Senate floor commenced on Thursday morning (11am) and started a pace of moving about 10 bills per hour (context: during the height of Senate floor tensions it was an average of 1 bill per 1.5 hours) and while they won't meet over the 3 day weekend they'll resume work Tuesday morning on a similar pace. Though, the House and Senate both have work to do finalizing amendments on priority policy legislation (HB 3198, Early Literacy Initiative; HB 2757 9-8-8 Crisis Hotline funding; HB 3414, housing priorities; and sundry other high priority bills), this work is being done quickly in the committees that remain "open" such as House and Senate Rules, Ways & Means, and House Revenue. Agency budget bills are all ready to go, as one Ways & Means co-chair shared "it's pencil's down time, folks. No more working on these."

For detailed information on how your priority bills are, or will be, changing before final passage please keep reading.

We do expect to finish up session work before the required deadline of June 25th, but not likely much more in advance.

Committee Hearing Report outs

Senate Rules

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Work Session

[HB 2002](#): Reproductive Health and Gender Affirming care bill

- The [-19 Amendment](#) was adopted on a party line vote without discussion and moved to the floor with a “do pass” recommendation.
 - Clarifies that insurance coverage provisions do not affect age of consent for medical care.
 - Clarifies definition of “reproductive health care” to exclude elective sterilization of a minor under 15 years of age.
 - Clarifies circumstances permitting a minor under the age of 15 to obtain an abortion to include professional judgment that notification or consent may result in harm to the minor or not be in their best interests.
 - Specifies that a person, including a health care provider, who has reasonable cause to believe that a minor has suffered abuse must immediately comply with applicable mandatory child abuse reporting laws.
 - Removes requirements that student health centers provide access to emergency contraception and medication abortion.
 - Removes requirement for Office of Rural Health to administer pilot projects for expanding reproductive health service access in rural parts of the state.
 - Clarifies that creation of crime of interfering with a healthcare facility does not restrict rights of free expression or lawful picketing, protesting, or peaceful assembly.
 - Removes repeal of crime of concealing the birth of an infant

Senate Rules

06/16/2023

Public Hearing/Work Session

[HB 2045 A](#): Requires health care providers to annually report to Oregon Health Authority providers' aggregate amount of compensation paid to frontline workers as wages, benefits, salaries, bonuses and incentive payments.

- Moved to the floor with a “do pass” recommendation. Sen. Manning was a courtesy yes since Sen. Hansell and Steiner were excused. OSPIRG testified in opposition because the Care Cost Growth Target program has not gotten off its feet yet so a blanket exemption should not be applied.

[HB 2395 A](#): Allows specified persons to distribute and administer short-acting opioid antagonist and distribute kits.

- The bill as amendment unanimously moved to the floor with a “do pass” recommendation. Fen Check is concerned with section 16 which prohibits anyone under 15 who are not receiving SUD treatment from processing fentanyl testing strips. They recommend removing section 16 or allowing parents to supply the testing strips.
 - [A9 Amendment](#): Requires school districts provide legal guardians of each student on information regarding short-acting opioid antagonist, requires parent notification after use, clarifies immunity from liability does not apply in gross negligence, removes provision that students may obtain outpatient diagnosis or treatment of SUD without parent consent, removes provision that OHA could bulk purchase short-acting opioid antagonist (resolves conflicts in [HB 2421](#))

Floor Activity

House Floor

06/14/2023

[HB 3396](#): Health care christmas tree bill

- The bill passed out of floor, Rep. Goodwin shared her support highlighting the \$15M for clinical placements and the task force for delayed hospital discharge.
 - Yes 56 No 2 Excused 2

Senate Floor

06/15/2023

[SB 968](#): Changes the release date for strategic plan update (done by System of Care Advisory Council (SOCAC)) from every two years to four years (next 2026).

- The bill passed out of floor without discussion.
 - Yes 20 No 2 Excused 8

[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 (does not apply if against medical advice).

- The bill passed out of floor without discussion
 - Yes 20 No 2 Excused 8

[HB 2002](#): Reproductive Health and Gender Affirming care bill. ***See above for revisions made to bill in committee, per negotiated agreement.***

- The bill passed out of floor without discussion.
 - Yes 17 No 3 Excused 10

Senate Floor

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[SB 5525](#): Oregon Health Authority budget bill

- The bill passed out of floor, Sen. Findley shared his distrust for OHA stating they are a blackhole that needs more oversight.
 - Yes 16 No 7 Excused 7

Coalition Meeting Report

AHO Policy Check-In

OHA shared their frustration with requests for bills to be added as budget notes as most requests were not doable since budget notes have a two year limit. The BIPOC Caucus shared that [SB 586](#) (makes restorative justice communications confidential) was their only priority bill to make it through the house and senate.

They were also concerned even if the Sen. Republicans returned there would not be enough time to pass all their priorities.

The Week Ahead

Senate Floor

06/20/2023

[SB 192](#): Directs PBMs to report with DCBS including aggregated dollar amounts of rebates, fees, price protection payments, and any other payments received by drug manufacturers.

Third Reading

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

Third Reading

[HB 2278](#): Authorizes pharmacists to administer influenza vaccine to persons six months of age or older.

Third Reading

[HB 2395](#): Dexter's fentanyl bill package

Third Reading

[HB 2486](#): Allows pharmacy technicians under the supervision of a pharmacist to administer vaccines.

Third Reading

[HB 2513](#): Rep Nosse's M 110 fixes bill.

Third Reading

[HB 2584](#): Adds physician assistants to practice of medicine provisions, including use of title and duty of care.

Third Reading

[HB 3008](#): Creates an exemption to the requirement (Section 6, chapter 37, Oregon Laws 2022) that at least three primary care visits be covered by health insurance plans without requiring copay, coinsurance, or deductible.

Third Reading

House Floor

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[HB 2002](#): Reproductive health care and gender affirming care access bill.

Third Reading