

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass
<b>Vote:</b>	8 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Conger, Doherty, Hoyle, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Parrish, Greenlick, Thompson
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	2/1, 2/3, 2/6

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires Oregon Health Insurance Exchange Corporation (ORHIX) to establish and deposit moneys into accounts in federally insured depositories. Removes requirement but still permits excess moneys collected by corporation from insurers and state programs to be held and invested to offset future net losses. Prescribes investments to be made with excess charges that are held and invested. Authorizes corporation to borrow money and give guarantees under specified conditions. Specifies applicable provisions of public contracting code. Authorizes board of directors or executive director of corporation to contract with carriers to develop innovative health benefit plans for employees of corporation if plans are approved by Director of Department of Consumer and Business Services. Exempts such plans from Insurance Code requirements for small employer health benefit plans. Provides legislative approval of corporation business plan for health insurance exchange by repealing provisions of law enacted to require legislative approval. Makes technical corrections. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Innovation of proposed amendment
- Multi-cultural needs and outreach
- Proposed amendment
- Support of dual market operation structure of ORHIX
- Business community supportive
- Oregon’s “readiness” to meet or exceed the federal deadlines
- Pilot model to allow ORHIX employees to explore innovative health plans

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** Access to quality, affordable health insurance coverage is increasingly challenging for many Oregonians and businesses. An estimated 636,000 Oregonians are uninsured, and for those with insurance, premium costs are consistently increasing.

In 2011, the Oregon Legislature enacted Senate Bill 99, which established the public corporation to administer the Oregon Health Insurance Exchange (ORHIX). Senate Bill 99 requires the corporation to submit a formal business plan to the Legislature for approval. The business plan was presented to the House Interim Health Care Committee during the January Legislative Days.

HB 4164 acknowledges approval of the ORHIX business plan and several technical modifications.