



The Oregon Coalition of Local Health Officials

CLHO Legislative Committee Recommendation to the CLHO Board Pre-Adjudication Medicaid Coverage HB 2431 & SB 470

Carrier(s)

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Recommendation

The CLHO Legislative Committee recommends supporting both HB 2431 and SB 470 at a priority 2 (logo and testimony). These bills provide OHP coverage for individuals in custody but awaiting trial – SB 2431 extends this benefit to adults and SB 470 extends this benefit to juveniles. These are bipartisan bills that would increase access to health services, which is a major tenant of public health work. The committee felt strongly that CLHO should support these initiatives.

March 2 Attendees: Tom Kuhn, Anthony Arton, Jackson Baures, April Holland, Armando Jimenez, Elisabeth Maxwell, Adelle Adams, Jennifer Little

Vote Count

Votes in favor: all

Votes against: 0

Abstentions: 0

Health Equity Impact: This is an access to health services issue with a large equity impact for this population, as marginalized communities are still overrepresented in our criminal justice system. April noted one example: folks are unable to keep their HIV medication regimen while awaiting trial.

LPH Impact: No direct impact, except for those that provide HC services to their jails.

Political Considerations: bipartisan

Other Notes: