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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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Chief Clerk Sekerak  
Oregon State Capitol

RE: Vote explanation for HB 4035 (B-Engrossed)

Chief Clerk Sekerak,

I wish to submit the following explanation for my vote on HB 4035 (B-Engrossed)

HB 4035 (B-Engrossed) requires the Oregon Health Authority to develop plans for conducting Medicaid redeterminations and establish a bridge program to provide coverage to individuals who churn out of Medicaid eligibility due to income fluctuations.

The federal Family First Coronavirus Recovery Act established continuous Medicaid coverage during the federal public health emergency in place in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Once the public health emergency ends, states will have 12 months to redetermine eligibility for all Medicaid enrollees. The Oregon Health Authority estimates that once redeterminations commence, approximately 300,000 individuals will lose the OHP coverage they currently have. There is also a \$120M General Fund allocation for the bill.

This was a major policy gut and stuff bill in a short session. In addition, this is an attempt at expanding Medicaid without review of the current system and the long-term impacts that it will have to the healthcare system or the ability of the state to pay for its expansions. Therefore, I was a no vote.

Regards,

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