

Caption: Provides City-funded health insurance for Portland's public school children (10)

Question: Shall City contract for and fund health insurance coverage for children who lack coverage and attend public schools in Portland? (20)

Summary: Measure would enact a City ordinance to provide health insurance for children who lack current coverage and attend public schools in Portland. Coverage includes primary care visits with co-pay and other services subject to annual \$7,500 deductible. Coverage shall not have exclusions for pre-existing conditions. The measure requires City to contract for insurance coverage by competitive bid. City would pay up to \$50 monthly per covered child with annual increases no more than the consumer price index. The program would start February 1, 2009.

City would pay program costs for two years. Thereafter, measure requires school districts to reimburse City for 66% of coverage costs or opt out of coverage for their students.

Children would be eligible for coverage in the month after enrolling in public schools in Portland. Children previously insured would have a three month waiting period before receiving coverage. Coverage ends the month after a child is no longer enrolled, except children are covered in July and August if enrolled in the school years before and after those months. (175)