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**Oregon Progressive Party**  
**Position on Bill at 2018**  
**Session of Oregon Legislature:**

**HB 4104: Support**

Dear Committee:

The Oregon Progressive Party supports this bill, which:

- Requires health insurers to reimburse costs of bilateral cochlear implants, if medically appropriate, including programming and reprogramming expenses, and repair costs.
- Defines hearing assistive technology system.
- Requires health insurers to reimburse for ear molds, replacement ear molds, and hearing assistive technology system for an enrollee who is younger than 19, or 19 to 25 years of age and enrolled in a secondary school or accredited educational institution.
- Requires health insurers provide other specific hearing aid benefits.
- Requires health insurers to ensure members have access to pediatric audiologists, provide notice of coverage limits, and offer education materials describing appropriate technologies.

As long as health insurance is a private sector activity, this sort of government management will be necessary

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