

**74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session**  
**STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**  
**House Committee on Consumer Protection**

**MEASURE: HB 3321**  
**CARRIER:**

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued**

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<b>Action:</b>	Without Recommendation as to Passage and Be Referred to the Committee on Elections, Ethics and Rules
<b>Vote:</b>	6 - 0 - 1
<b>Yeas:</b>	Bonamici, Galizio, Gilliam, Girod, Riley, Holvey
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	Nelson
<b>Prepared By:</b>	Steve Dixon, Administrator
<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	3/26, 4/24, 4/30

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Creates the Health Insurance Rate Review Board in the Department of Consumer and Business Services. Requires the board to review and approve large group insurance forms and rates. This measure requires the Health Insurance Rate Review Board to consist of seven members, appointed by the Governor, who serve for a term of four years for a maximum of two terms. Board members are to reflect the diversity of health care facilities, providers, insurers, health care purchasers and consumers involved with health care and group insurance. The Board is required to appoint an administrator and employ staff. Board members may not have a financial interest or be involved with the operation or management of a health insurer.

Insurers offering group health benefit plans must file with the board for approval and submit filings to public inspection. The board is required to hear all rate filings and the insurer has the burden to prove that the filing is justified. The board must then approve or disapprove the filing. Grounds for disapproval include unfair or excessive rates and benefits that are unreasonable in relation to the rate charged. The measure provides criteria such as increase or decrease in co-pays benefits, and deductibles for the purposes of determining reasonableness. All hearings must be held within 30 days of a given filing and the board must issue its ruling within 14 days of the hearing

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

**BACKGROUND:** This bill has been designated as a vehicle to work on Association Health Plan legislation by the Speaker's office.