

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	4 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Beyer, Gordly, Monroe, Prozanski
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Avakian
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Meeting Dates:	5/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows assessments on annuities under the Oregon Insurance Code. Allows smaller group life policies. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Effective date
- Benefits for small business

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Deletes phased in implementation dates.

BACKGROUND: Under current law, the funding source of the Insurance Division of the Department of Consumer and Business services is an assessment against each insurer's premium volume in Oregon. For life and annuity companies, the insurance division is required to exclude annuity premium and apply assessments only to life insurance premiums. Annuity premiums have grown over the past twenty years to over 65 percent of the total for life and annuity premium and require substantial resources from the insurance division to regulate annuity products. This bill would change the formula for assessing premiums of life and annuity products without changing the overall assessment collected by the insurance division.