

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

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Meeting Dates: 4/5, 4/19

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Changes criteria for self-insured public body programs to be exempt from Insurance Code.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Status of related House Bill 2495
- Appropriate amount of re-insurance
- Significance of aggregate dollar amount
- Importance of number of enrolled program participants

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Exempts self-insured public body program of school district, community college district, or community college service district from Insurance Code if the number of covered employees and dependents is at least 500 individuals. Exempts individual self-insured public body program from Insurance Code if number of covered employees and dependents is at least 500. Removes annual contribution amount from criteria to be exempt for individual or joint self-insured public body programs other than school districts, community college districts, or community college service districts.

BACKGROUND: Under ORS 30.260, a public body includes the state and its agencies, boards and commissions as well as any city, county, school district or other political subdivision. Currently, self-insured group health programs offered by individual public bodies other than school districts, community college districts, or community college service districts are exempt from the Insurance Code if the number of covered and retired employees, not including dependents, is at least 500 individuals. Self-insured programs offered by two or more public bodies are exempt from the Insurance Code if the number of covered and retired employees, not including dependents, is at least 1,000 individuals or if the annual aggregate contributions are at least \$500,000.