

House Bill 2755

Sponsored by Representatives NATHANSON, GREENLICK

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires Department of Consumer and Business Services to conduct study of reinsurance alternatives for individual and small employer group health insurance markets and submit proposals to Legislative Assembly by October 1, 2010.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to reinsurance.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Consumer and Business Services shall conduct a**
5 **study of options available for utilizing reinsurance in the individual and small employer group**
6 **health insurance markets. The department shall consider whether:**

7 (a) **A single state reinsurance plan is feasible and whether it would offer value to indi-**
8 **vidual and small employer group health insurance markets and allow for savings to be passed**
9 **on to consumers;**

10 (b) **Health insurance markets other than individual and small employer group health in-**
11 **surance markets would benefit from reinsurance alternatives; and**

12 (c) **Reinsurance alternatives adopted in other states and being considered by the federal**
13 **government could be implemented in Oregon.**

14 (2) **The department may collaborate with other state agencies that have the expertise to**
15 **assist the department in conducting the study and analyzing the options.**

16 (3) **The department shall prepare a report containing:**

17 (a) **The results of the study.**

18 (b) **Proposals for reinsurance alternatives that would:**

19 (A) **Facilitate guaranteed issue in the individual market;**

20 (B) **Facilitate the ability of employees of small employers to have a range of available**
21 **health insurance options;**

22 (C) **Spread risk and stabilize individual and small employer group health insurance mar-**
23 **kets;**

24 (D) **Allow insurers to compete based on quality and efficiency instead of the health status**
25 **of their enrollees; and**

26 (E) **Reduce the costs to purchasers of health insurance.**

27 (c) **Recommendations for enabling legislation required to implement the proposals.**

28 (4) **The department shall submit the report to the Legislative Assembly no later than**
29 **October 1, 2010.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.