

B-Engrossed
House Bill 3311

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Including House Amendments dated April 20 and Senate Amendments
dated May 26

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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.

Requires Oregon Health Authority to explore ways **to use doulas** to improve birth outcomes for women who face disproportionately greater risk of poor birth outcomes and to report to legislative committees in February 2012.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to birth outcomes; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "doula" means a birth companion who provides**
5 **personal, nonmedical support to women and families throughout a woman's pregnancy,**
6 **childbirth and post-partum experience.**

7 **(2) The Oregon Health Authority, including the Office of Multicultural Health and Ser-**
8 **vices, shall explore options for providing or utilizing doulas in the state medical assistance**
9 **program to improve birth outcomes for women who face a disproportionately greater risk**
10 **of poor birth outcomes.**

11 **(3) The authority shall report to the House committee on health care and any other ap-**
12 **propriate legislative committee in February 2012:**

13 **(a) Its findings under subsection (2) of this section; and**

14 **(b) All of the options for providing or utilizing services in the medical assistance program**
15 **that improve birth outcomes for women who face a disproportionately greater risk of poor**
16 **birth outcomes.**

17 **SECTION 2. This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
18 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect**
19 **on its passage.**

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