

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 3311

By COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

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1 In line 4 of the printed corrected bill, after the period delete the rest of the line and line 5 and
2 insert “(1) As used in this section:

3 “(a) ‘Community health worker’ means an individual who has expertise or experience in public
4 health and who works in an urban or rural community, either for pay or as a volunteer in associ-
5 ation with a local health care system, to improve the health of members of the community and in-
6 crease the capacity of the community to meet the health care needs of its residents, and who:

7 “(A) Shares ethnicity, language, socioeconomic status and life experiences with the residents
8 that the worker serves;

9 “(B) Provides culturally appropriate health education and information;

10 “(C) Assists people in receiving the care they need;

11 “(D) Gives peer counseling and guidance on health behaviors;

12 “(E) Empowers individuals and communities to achieve wellness; or

13 “(F) Provides direct services such as first aid or blood pressure screening.

14 “(b) ‘Doula’ means a birth companion who provides personal, nonmedical support to women and
15 families throughout a woman’s pregnancy, childbirth and post-partum experience.

16 “(2) The Oregon Health Authority, including the Office of Multicultural Health and Services,
17 shall explore options for providing or utilizing doulas and other community health workers in the
18 state medical assistance program to improve birth outcomes for women who face a disproportion-
19 ately greater risk of poor birth outcomes.”.

20 In line 6, delete “(2)” and insert “(3)”.

21 In line 8, delete “(1)” and insert “(2)”.

22 In line 10, delete “of color” and insert “who face a disproportionately greater risk of poor birth
23 outcomes”.

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