

Senate Bill 171

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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 **as introduced**.

Directs Department of Consumer and Business Services to conduct study on feasibility of establishing community-based centers of occupational health and education.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to study on workers' compensation system; and declaring an emergency.

3 Whereas the State of Washington has successfully used community-based centers of occupational
4 health and education to provide education opportunities to health care practitioners, employers and
5 workers; and

6 Whereas the State of Washington has successfully used community-based centers of occupational
7 health and education to provide support services to and training opportunities for health care
8 practitioners; and

9 Whereas the State of Washington has successfully used community-based centers of occupational
10 health and education to coordinate health and safety services available to workers; and

11 Whereas Oregon is continually striving to make its workers' compensation system more effective
12 and efficient; now, therefore,

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

14 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Consumer and Business Services shall conduct a**
15 **study on the feasibility of establishing community-based centers of occupational health and**
16 **education. The study shall include, but is not limited to, information on:**

17 **(a) The use of community-based centers of occupational health and education to provide**
18 **education opportunities for health care practitioners, employers and workers;**

19 **(b) The use of community-based centers of occupational health and education to provide**
20 **support services to and training opportunities for health care practitioners;**

21 **(c) The use of community-based centers of occupational health and education to coordi-**
22 **nate health and safety services available to workers;**

23 **(d) The use of information technology to track patients and provide health care providers**
24 **and practitioners with patient feedback;**

25 **(e) The use of payment incentives to encourage health care practitioners to use best**
26 **practices;**

27 **(f) Statutory provisions that prevent the establishment of community-based centers of**
28 **occupational health and education; and**

29 **(g) Legislation required for the establishment of community-based centers of occupa-**
30 **tional health and education.**

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.

1 **(2) The department may contract with a public agency or private entity to conduct the**
2 **study described in subsection (1) of this section.**

3 **(3) The department shall report the results of the study to an appropriate interim com-**
4 **mittee of the Legislative Assembly no later than December 1, 2012.**

5 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2011 Act is repealed on January 2, 2014.

6 **SECTION 3.** Notwithstanding ORS 656.605, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2011, the
7 Department of Consumer and Business Services may expend no more than \$_____ from the
8 Workers' Benefit Fund to conduct the study described in section 1 of this 2011 Act.

9 **SECTION 4.** This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
10 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect
11 on its passage.
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