

House Bill 3339

Sponsored by Representative NATHANSON; Representatives DEMBROW, GREENLICK, UNGER

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, in collaboration with Oregon Health Authority, to study options for reinsurance program to spread risk in health insurance markets statewide. Requires department to report findings to Legislative Assembly by December 31, 2013.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to reinsurance; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Consumer and Business Services, in collaboration**
5 **with the Oregon Health Authority, shall conduct a study of reinsurance options available to**
6 **spread statewide the financial risk borne by health insurers in this state. The department**
7 **shall consider whether:**

8 (a) **A single state reinsurance plan would be feasible, would offer value to individual and**
9 **small employer group health insurers and would allow for savings to be passed on to con-**
10 **sumers;**

11 (b) **Health insurers outside of the individual and small employer group health insurance**
12 **markets would benefit from reinsurance alternatives; and**

13 (c) **Reinsurance alternatives adopted in other states or being considered by the federal**
14 **government could be implemented in this state.**

15 (2) **The department may require carriers and reinsurers to furnish information to the**
16 **department and the authority that is necessary to complete the study described in subsection**
17 **(1) of this section, subject to limits on disclosure of trade secrets.**

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

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

20 (b) **Proposals for reinsurance options that would:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 (4) **The department shall submit the report described in subsection (3) of this section to**

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 the Legislative Assembly, in the manner described in ORS 192.245, no later than December
2 31, 2013.

3 **SECTION 2.** This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
4 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect
5 on its passage.
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