

# House Bill 2551

Sponsored by Representative GREENLICK; Representatives FREDERICK, READ (Pre-session filed.)

## SUMMARY

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Requires covered entities to report annually on system safeguards for protecting confidentiality of individually identifiable health information.

Sunset on January 2, 2020.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to individually identifiable health information; creating new provisions; and amending ORS  
3 442.445 and 731.574.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 731.574 is amended to read:

6 731.574. (1) Except as provided in subsection [(4)] (5) of this section, every authorized insurer  
7 shall file with the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services, on or before  
8 March 1 of each year, a financial statement for the year ending December 31 immediately preceding.  
9 This statement shall be on a form prescribed by the director. The statement shall contain such de-  
10 tailed exhibit of the condition and transactions of the insurer, in such form and otherwise, as the  
11 director prescribes. The director shall consider and may prescribe the annual statement blank or  
12 other form established by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, including in-  
13 structions prepared by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners for completing the  
14 blank or other form. If the director prescribes the blank or other form established by the National  
15 Association of Insurance Commissioners, including the instructions, an insurer submitting the an-  
16 nual statement blank or form established by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners  
17 must complete the blank or form according to the instructions. The director may require the filing  
18 of information in addition to the information required in the annual statement. The director may  
19 also require additional filings as the director determines necessary.

20 **(2) A covered entity, as defined in ORS 192.556, that is required to file an annual financial**  
21 **statement under subsection (1) of this section shall file with the statement a protection of**  
22 **health information report. The report must:**

23 **(a) State the responsibility of management for establishing and maintaining adequate**  
24 **safeguards and procedures for protecting the confidentiality of individually identifiable health**  
25 **information that the covered entity retains in electronic and hard copy form;**

26 **(b) Contain an assessment, as of December 31 of the preceding year, of the effectiveness**  
27 **of the safeguards and procedures in protecting the confidentiality of individually identifiable**  
28 **health information;**

29 **(c) Contain assurances that the signing officers have disclosed to auditors and the gov-**  
30 **erning board of the covered entity:**

31 **(A) All significant deficiencies in the design or operation of record-keeping systems or**

**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 **controls that could adversely affect the covered entity’s ability to protect the confidentiality**  
 2 **of individually identifiable health information;**

3 **(B) Any breaches of the security of individually identifiable health information, whether**  
 4 **material or not, that involve management or other employees who have a significant role in**  
 5 **the covered entity’s record-keeping systems or controls; and**

6 **(C) All necessary steps that have been taken to address deficiencies in the design or op-**  
 7 **eration of record-keeping systems or controls and to resolve any material weaknesses iden-**  
 8 **tified to or by the covered entity’s auditors; and**

9 **(d) Contain assurances that the signing officers have identified for auditors any material**  
 10 **weaknesses in the record-keeping systems or controls.**

11 [(2)] **(3) The financial statement filed by an insurer under subsection (1) of this section and the**  
 12 **report filed under subsection (2) of this section** shall be verified by the oaths of the president  
 13 and secretary of the insurer or, in their absence, by two other principal officers. The statement of  
 14 an alien company shall embrace only its condition and transactions in the United States, unless the  
 15 director requires otherwise, and shall be verified by the oath of its resident manager or principal  
 16 representatives in the United States. Facsimile signatures are acceptable and shall have the same  
 17 force as original signatures.

18 [(3)] **(4) The director may grant an extension of time for filing the annual statement.**

19 [(4)] **(5) A home protection insurer may adopt a fiscal year other than the calendar year for its**  
 20 **financial statements filed with the director under subsection (1) of this section by declaring the fis-**  
 21 **cal year in its application for a certificate of authority. An adopted fiscal year may not be changed**  
 22 **without the consent of the insurance supervisory official of the insurer’s domicile. The financial**  
 23 **statement of a home protection insurer on other than the calendar year basis shall be filed with the**  
 24 **director on or before the first day of the third month which follows the end of the fiscal year.**

25 [(5)] **(6) An insurer, subject to requirements set forth in rules made by the director, may publish**  
 26 **financial statements, or information based on financial statements, prepared on a basis that is in**  
 27 **accordance with requirements of a competent authority and differs from the basis of the statements**  
 28 **required to be filed with the director.**

29 [(6)] **(7) It is the intention of the Legislative Assembly that the director consider and follow the**  
 30 **accounting, reporting and other standards, practices and procedures established by the National**  
 31 **Association of Insurance Commissioners in order to:**

32 (a) Strengthen and improve regulation of insurer solvency by the Department of Consumer and  
 33 Business Services;

34 (b) Promote uniform and consistent regulation of insurance by this state and the other states;

35 (c) Reduce regulatory costs owing to unnecessary differences in the laws of the various states;  
 36 and

37 (d) Obtain and maintain accreditation of this state’s insurance regulatory program by the Na-  
 38 tional Association of Insurance Commissioners.

39 **(8) A covered entity is in compliance with subsection (2) of this section if the covered**  
 40 **entity is in compliance with the reporting and record-keeping requirements adopted by the**  
 41 **United States Secretary of Health and Human Services pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1320d-2 that**  
 42 **are in effect on the effective date of this 2015 Act.**

43 **(9) As used in this section, “individually identifiable health information” has the meaning**  
 44 **given that term in ORS 192.556.**

45 **SECTION 2.** ORS 442.445 is amended to read:

1 442.445. (1) Any health care facility that fails to perform as required in ORS 442.205 and 442.400  
 2 to 442.463 or section 3, chapter 838, Oregon Laws 2007, **or section 5 of this 2015 Act** and rules of  
 3 the Oregon Health Authority may be subject to a civil penalty.

4 (2) The Oregon Health Authority shall adopt a schedule of penalties not to exceed \$500 per day  
 5 of violation, determined by the severity of the violation.

6 (3) Civil penalties under this section shall be imposed as provided in ORS 183.745.

7 (4) Civil penalties imposed under this section may be remitted or mitigated upon such terms and  
 8 conditions as the authority considers proper and consistent with the public health and safety.

9 (5) Civil penalties incurred under any law of this state are not allowable as costs for the purpose  
 10 of rate determination or for reimbursement by a third-party payer.

11 **SECTION 3.** ORS 442.445, as amended by section 8, chapter 838, Oregon Laws 2007, and section  
 12 2c, chapter 61, Oregon Laws 2013, is amended to read:

13 442.445. (1) Any health care facility that fails to perform as required in ORS 442.205 and 442.400  
 14 to 442.463 **and section 5 of this 2015 Act** and rules of the Oregon Health Authority may be subject  
 15 to a civil penalty.

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 20 conditions as the authority considers proper and consistent with the public health and safety.

21 (5) Civil penalties incurred under any law of this state are not allowable as costs for the purpose  
 22 of rate determination or for reimbursement by a third-party payer.

23 **SECTION 4. Section 5 of this 2015 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 441.**

24 **SECTION 5. (1) A health care facility shall file with the Oregon Health Authority a pro-**  
 25 **tection of health information report no later than 120 days following the close of the fiscal**  
 26 **year. The report shall be on a form prescribed by the authority, shall be signed by the chief**  
 27 **executive officer of the facility and must:**

28 (a) **State the responsibility of the health care facility's management for establishing and**  
 29 **maintaining adequate safeguards and procedures for protecting the confidentiality of indi-**  
 30 **vidually identifiable health information that the facility retains in electronic and hard copy**  
 31 **form;**

32 (b) **Contain assurances that the signing officer has disclosed to the board of directors of**  
 33 **the facility:**

34 (A) **All significant deficiencies in the design or operation of record-keeping systems or**  
 35 **controls that could adversely affect the facility's ability to protect the confidentiality of in-**  
 36 **dividually identifiable health information;**

37 (B) **Any breaches of the security of individually identifiable health information, whether**  
 38 **material or not, that involve management, staff or employees of the facility who have a sig-**  
 39 **nificant role in the facility's record-keeping systems or controls; and**

40 (C) **All necessary steps that have been taken to address deficiencies in the design or op-**  
 41 **eration of record-keeping systems or controls and to resolve any material weaknesses iden-**  
 42 **tified by the facility; and**

43 (c) **Contain assurances that the signing officer has identified for the board any material**  
 44 **weaknesses in the record-keeping systems or controls.**

45 (2) **The authority may adopt all rules necessary to carry out the provisions of this sec-**

1 **tion.**

2 **(3) A health care facility is in compliance with subsection (1) of this section if the facility**  
 3 **is in compliance with the reporting and record-keeping requirements adopted by the United**  
 4 **States Secretary of Health and Human Services pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1320d-2 that are in**  
 5 **effect on the effective date of this 2015 Act.**

6 **(4) As used in this section, “individually identifiable health information” has the meaning**  
 7 **given that term in ORS 192.556.**

8 **SECTION 6.** ORS 442.445, as amended by section 8, chapter 838, Oregon Laws 2007, section 2c,  
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 14 of violation, determined by the severity of the violation.

15 (3) Civil penalties under this section shall be imposed as provided in ORS 183.745.

16 (4) Civil penalties imposed under this section may be remitted or mitigated upon such terms and  
 17 conditions as the authority considers proper and consistent with the public health and safety.

18 (5) Civil penalties incurred under any law of this state are not allowable as costs for the purpose  
 19 of rate determination or for reimbursement by a third-party payer.

20 **SECTION 7.** ORS 731.574, as amended by section 1 of this 2015 Act, is amended to read:

21 731.574. (1) Except as provided in subsection [(5)] (4) of this section, every authorized insurer  
 22 shall file with the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services, on or before  
 23 March 1 of each year, a financial statement for the year ending December 31 immediately preceding.  
 24 This statement shall be on a form prescribed by the director. The statement shall contain such de-  
 25 tailed exhibit of the condition and transactions of the insurer, in such form and otherwise, as the  
 26 director prescribes. The director shall consider and may prescribe the annual statement blank or  
 27 other form established by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, including in-  
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 33 of information in addition to the information required in the annual statement. The director may  
 34 also require additional filings as the director determines necessary.

35 [(2) A covered entity, as defined in ORS 192.556, that is required to file an annual financial  
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 37 mation report. The report must:]

38 [(a) State the responsibility of management for establishing and maintaining adequate safeguards  
 39 and procedures for protecting the confidentiality of individually identifiable health information that the  
 40 covered entity retains in electronic and hard copy form;]

41 [(b) Contain an assessment, as of December 31 of the preceding year, of the effectiveness of the  
 42 safeguards and procedures in protecting the confidentiality of individually identifiable health informa-  
 43 tion;]

44 [(c) Contain assurances that the signing officers have disclosed to auditors and the governing board  
 45 of the covered entity;]

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2 *could adversely affect the covered entity's ability to protect the confidentiality of individually identifi-*  
3 *able health information;*]

4       [(B) *Any breaches of the security of individually identifiable health information, whether material*  
5 *or not, that involve management or other employees who have a significant role in the covered entity's*  
6 *record-keeping systems or controls; and*]

7       [(C) *All necessary steps that have been taken to address deficiencies in the design or operation of*  
8 *record-keeping systems or controls and to resolve any material weaknesses identified to or by the cov-*  
9 *ered entity's auditors; and*]

10       [(d) *Contain assurances that the signing officers have identified for auditors any material weak-*  
11 *nesses in the record-keeping systems or controls.*]

12       [(3)] (2) The financial statement filed by an insurer under subsection (1) of this section [*and the*  
13 *report filed under subsection (2) of this section*] shall be verified by the oaths of the president and  
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17 representatives in the United States. Facsimile signatures are acceptable and shall have the same  
18 force as original signatures.

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43 *this 2015 Act.*]

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45 *that term in ORS 192.556.*]

1        **SECTION 8.** The amendments to ORS 442.445 and 731.574 by sections 6 and 7 of this 2015  
2 Act become operative January 2, 2020.

3        **SECTION 9.** Section 5 of this 2015 Act is repealed on January 2, 2020.

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