

Senate Bill 323

Sponsored by Senator BEYER, Representative DOHERTY; Senator MONROE) (Presession filed.)

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**.

Instructs Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences to conduct study related to provision of medical services in workers' compensation claims. Requires that report be submitted to Workers' Compensation Management-Labor Advisory Committee and Legislative Assembly by July 1, 2016. Mandates payment of expenses for study from funds continuously appropriated to institute.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to studies on the provision of medical services in workers' compensation claims.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences created under ORS**
5 **353.460 shall conduct a study on the cost and clinical outcomes of workers' compensation**
6 **claims, including but not limited to the cost of medical services provided, in which:**

7 (a) **Any physician licensed in this state is authorized to participate in the provision of**
8 **medical services by a managed care organization and chiropractic or naturopathic physicians**
9 **serve as the attending physician for the life of the claim providing medical services to injured**
10 **workers; and**

11 (b) **Medical services to an injured worker are not provided by a managed care organiza-**
12 **tion and chiropractic or naturopathic physicians serve as the attending physician for an in-**
13 **jured worker for the life of the claim, compared to the cost and clinical outcomes of claims**
14 **in which other physicians serve as the attending physician.**

15 (2) **The study required by subsection (1) of this section shall be submitted to the**
16 **Workers' Compensation Management-Labor Advisory Committee appointed under ORS**
17 **656.790 and to the Legislative Assembly in the manner specified in ORS 192.245 by July 1,**
18 **2016.**

19 (3) **Costs for the study required by subsection (1) of this section shall be paid from**
20 **moneys continuously appropriated to the Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences**
21 **under ORS 656.630.**

22 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2015 Act is repealed on January 2, 2017.**
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