

SB 97 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Business and Transportation

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Meeting Dates: 2/15

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Specifies that the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services must act as group-wide supervisor for internationally-active insurance groups, or acknowledge another official as such, under certain criteria and conditions. Requires insurers and insurance groups to submit corporate governance annual disclosures to director or other regulatory official in lead state annually by June 1. Outlines confidentiality requirements and authority to share information regarding documents, materials and other information received by or disclosed by Director. Becomes operative on January 1, 2018; declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

[-1 amendment] Pending drafting in Legislative Counsel.

BACKGROUND:

The Division of Financial Regulation of the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) is the state's licensing and regulatory agency for finance and insurance businesses and professionals. As part of this mission, DCBS is accredited through the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC), which evaluates the state's programs for monitoring the solvency of entities transacting insurance.

DCBS conducted a review of insurer governance following the 2015 Session, identifying a number of areas to be addressed; these issues are the basis for Senate Bill 97.