

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2015

By COMMITTEE ON RULES

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1 Delete lines 4 through 15 of the printed bill and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. Sections 2 to 4 of this 2017 Act are added to and made a part of ORS**
3 **chapter 414.**

4 **“SECTION 2. As used in sections 2 to 4 of this 2017 Act, ‘doula’ means an individual who**
5 **meets criteria for a doula adopted by the Oregon Health Authority in accordance with ORS**
6 **414.665.**

7 **“SECTION 3. The Oregon Health Authority, in coordination with the Traditional Health**
8 **Workers Commission, shall in each even-numbered year review, and revise if necessary, any**
9 **rates of reimbursement for doulas. When reviewing and revising rates of reimbursement, the**
10 **authority shall consider factors including retention of doulas, access to culturally specific**
11 **doulas and evidence-based factors and empirical studies related to the cost-effectiveness of**
12 **services provided by doulas.**

13 **“SECTION 4. A coordinated care organization shall make information about how to ac-**
14 **cess doula services available on a website operated by or on behalf of the coordinated care**
15 **organization and shall provide the information in print whenever a printed explanation of**
16 **benefits is available.**

17 **“SECTION 5. The Oregon Health Authority shall study potential changes to the medical**
18 **assistance program that would facilitate making direct payments to doulas for services pro-**
19 **vided while continuing to meet any requirements for supervision of a doula by a licensed**
20 **health care practitioner.**

21 **“SECTION 6. (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall provide to the Oregon Health Policy**
22 **Board and the Oregon Public Health Advisory Board, and shall make available free of charge**
23 **on the primary website operated by or on behalf of the authority, a report on the status of**
24 **doulas in this state. The report must include, but not be limited to, information on:**

25 **“(a) The number of claims for reimbursement of doulas submitted to the authority and**
26 **the percentage of those claims that are reimbursed;**

27 **“(b) Any barriers experienced by doulas to accessing the claims process;**

28 **“(c) The annual increase or decrease in the number of doulas listed on a registry man-**
29 **aged by the authority;**

30 **“(d) The demographics of the registry of doulas managed by the authority;**

31 **“(e) Doula training or certification programs offered in this state;**

32 **“(f) The relationship between the registry of doulas managed by the authority and the**
33 **perceived doula workforce need; and**

34 **“(g) Recommendations on achieving cultural specificity goals for doula services.**

35 **“(2) The authority shall provide the report required by subsection (1) of this section an-**

1 nually beginning on September 15, 2018.

2 “SECTION 7. The Oregon Health Authority shall first perform the review required by
3 section 3 of this 2017 Act in 2020.

4 “SECTION 8. Section 6 of this 2017 Act is repealed on January 1, 2024.”.

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