

# House Bill 3381

Sponsored by Representative HAYDEN

## 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**.

Directs Oregon Health Authority, in collaboration with Department of Consumer and Business Services, Public Employees' Benefit Board and Oregon Educators Benefit Board, to design health benefit plans to offer to public employees in 2023 plan year.

Directs department to contract with insurer to offer plans to public employees, local governments, special districts and employers with 25 employees or less and to individuals and families in Oregon through health insurance exchange.

Sunsets January 2, 2024.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to health insurance; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 (a) **"Eligible employee" includes:**

6 (A) **Eligible employees as defined in ORS 243.105; and**

7 (B) **Eligible employees as defined in ORS 243.860.**

8 (b) **"Procurement" has the meaning given that term in ORS 279A.010.**

9 (c) **"Qualified health plan" has the meaning given that term in ORS 741.300.**

10 (d) **"Small Business Health Options Program" has the meaning given that term in ORS**  
11 **741.300.**

12 (2) **The Oregon Health Authority, in collaboration with the Department of Consumer and**  
13 **Business Services, the Public Employees' Benefit Board and the Oregon Educators Benefit**  
14 **Board, shall design one or more health benefit plans to be offered under ORS 243.135 and**  
15 **243.866 to all eligible employees in addition to plans currently offered to eligible employees**  
16 **by the boards. The health benefit plans shall be designed to yield the best possible savings.**

17 (3) **The plans must meet federal requirements necessary for the plans to be offered as**  
18 **qualified health plans on the health insurance exchange or a Small Business Health Options**  
19 **Program, if any.**

20 (4) **No later than March 1, 2022, the authority shall report to the committees of the**  
21 **Legislative Assembly related to health, in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, on the benefit**  
22 **plans developed under subsection (1) of this section.**

23 **SECTION 2. The Department of Consumer and Business Services shall conduct a pro-**  
24 **urement under ORS 279B.060 to contract with an insurer that has a certificate of authority**  
25 **to transact insurance in this state to offer to eligible employees, as defined in section 1 of**  
26 **this 2021 Act, the health benefit plans developed under section 1 of this 2021 Act during the**  
27 **2023 plan year. The plans shall also be made available to local governments, special districts**  
28 **and employers with 25 employees or less and to individuals and families residing in this state**

**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 through the health insurance exchange.

2 **SECTION 3.** Sections 1 and 2 of this 2021 Act are repealed on January 2, 2024.

3 **SECTION 4.** This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
4 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect  
5 on its passage.

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