

Requested by Representative SALINAS

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2010**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after “care” insert “; and declaring
2 an emergency”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 31 and delete pages 2 and 3 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Health Authority, in collaboration**
5 **with the Department of Consumer and Business Services, shall con-**
6 **duct a study and prepare a report on a public option health insurance**
7 **plan and design options for silver and gold level plans to be offered**
8 **through the public option health insurance plan on the health insur-**
9 **ance exchange by January 1, 2024. The authority shall submit the re-**
10 **port, in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, to the interim**
11 **committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health no later than**
12 **January 31, 2022.**

13 **“(2) The report shall include recommendations for any legislative**
14 **changes needed to implement the public option health insurance plan.**
15 **The report must provide viable specific options designed to:**

16 **“(a) Reduce costs and improve the affordability of premiums and**
17 **other out-of-pocket costs for insurance in this state; and**

18 **“(b) Eliminate health disparities by 2030.**

19 **“(3) In conducting the study, the authority and the department**
20 **shall analyze how:**

21 **“(a) Best to implement a public option health insurance plan that**

1 **is operationally aligned with Oregon’s health system transformation;**

2 **“(b) Best to include quality measurement processes aligned with the**
3 **Health Plan Quality Metrics Committee recommendations and coordi-**
4 **nated care organization metrics and development processes, including**
5 **metrics related to health equity;**

6 **“(c) To use state purchasing power to reduce drug prices;**

7 **“(d) To reduce premiums by 10 to 20 percent in each metal tier**
8 **compared to nonpublic option plans in the same tiers; and**

9 **“(e) Capping or limiting provider reimbursement rates could reduce**
10 **overall plan costs and premiums and the impact of caps or limits on**
11 **carrier and provider participation.**

12 **“(4) In considering how a public option could ensure network ade-**
13 **quacy and availability of coverage, the authority and the department**
14 **shall analyze and include in the report options:**

15 **“(a) To best leverage current carrier and provider participation in**
16 **the Public Employees’ Benefit Board and Oregon Educators Benefit**
17 **Board plans and the state medical assistance program; and**

18 **“(b) For ensuring a public option is available for purchase every-**
19 **where in this state to the greatest extent practicable.**

20 **“(5) The authority and department shall also analyze and include**
21 **in the report:**

22 **“(a) The advantages of moving to a state-based platform for the**
23 **health insurance exchange and how the limitations of the federal**
24 **platform inform the design and implementation options for the public**
25 **option health insurance plan.**

26 **“(b) The impact that enhanced premium tax credits under the**
27 **American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2) may have on the public**
28 **option health insurance plan.**

29 **“(c) The expected effects if this state does not pursue a public op-**
30 **tion.**

1 “(d) The effect that introducing a public option health insurance
2 plan may have on the overall stability of the individual and group in-
3 surance markets in this state.

4 “(e) The potential benefits and drawbacks of limiting eligibility in
5 the public option health insurance plan to specific populations such
6 as undocumented individuals and families who do not qualify for pre-
7 mium tax credits because they are offered employer-sponsored insur-
8 ance that is unaffordable.

9 “(f) How the state could use a waiver for state innovation under 42
10 U.S.C. 18052 to capture pass-through savings and establish wrap-
11 around subsidies to ensure equity and affordability.

12 “(6) The authority and the department shall contract with third
13 parties, to the extent necessary, to conduct the analyses for the re-
14 port, including but not limited to contracting with third parties to
15 perform actuarial analyses.

16 “SECTION 2. (1) In addition to and not in lieu of any other appro-
17 priation, there is appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the
18 biennium beginning July 1, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount
19 of \$_____, which may be expended for carrying out section 1 of this
20 2021 Act.

21 “(2) In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there
22 is appropriated to the Department of Consumer and Business Services,
23 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, out of the General Fund, the
24 amount of \$_____, which may be expended for carrying out section 1
25 of this 2021 Act.

26 “SECTION 3. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate
27 preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is
28 declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect on its passage.”.