

HB 2282 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Business and Labor

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes Department of Consumer and Business Services to contract with more than five independent review organizations at one time.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) is responsible for the regulation of insurance in Oregon including health insurance.

An insurer offering a health benefit plan in Oregon is required to have an external review program to permit an enrollee to obtain review by an independent review organization of a dispute relating to an adverse benefit determination. The director of DCBS is responsible for contracting with independent review organizations for the purpose of providing the external review, but may not contract with more than five independent review organizations at any one time.

House Bill 2282 permits the director of DCBS to contract with more than five independent review organizations.