

HB 2282 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Owens

House Committee On Business and Labor

Action Date: 02/20/23

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 11-0-0-0

Yeas: 11 - Boshart Davis, Elmer, Grayber, Holvey, Hudson, Nelson, Nosse, Osborne, Owens, Scharf, Sosa

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 1/23, 2/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes Department of Consumer and Business Services to contract with more than five independent review organizations at one time. Updates date in statute to January 1, 2023 to incorporate, by reference, current list of preventative health services required to be covered under federal law without cost-sharing.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Establishment of five Independent Review Organization (IRO) limit
- Conflict of interest regarding composition of IRO
- Amendment to incorporate the current list of preventative services currently required to be covered under federal law
- Types of preventative services covered

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Updates the date in statute to January 1, 2023 to incorporate, by reference, current list of preventative health services required to be covered under federal law without cost-sharing.

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 A permits the Director of DCBS to contract with more than five independent review organizations. In addition, the measure updates the date in ORS 743A.262 to January 1, 2023 to incorporate the current list of preventative health services required to be covered under federal law without cost-sharing.