

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO A-ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 2306

By COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

June 23

1 On page 1 of the printed A-engrossed bill, line 2, delete “and”.

2 In line 3, delete “and 109.112” and insert “; and declaring an emergency”.

3 In line 18, after the period delete the rest of the line and line 19.

4 On page 2, line 13, after the period delete the rest of the line and line 14.

5 Delete lines 31 through 38 and insert:

6 **“SECTION 4. (1) The Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research shall conduct an as-**
7 **essment of children’s access to health care. The office shall consult with the Task Force**
8 **on Children’s Access to Health Care created in section 5 of this 2005 Act in conducting the**
9 **assessment.**

10 **“(2) The office, in conducting the assessment, shall:**

11 **“(a) Study how and the extent to which parents’ liability for their children’s health care**
12 **expenses impacts their children’s access to health care.**

13 **“(b) Compile and review data showing the extent to which children under 18 years of age**
14 **in this state have access to and utilize the full range of health care services.**

15 **“(c) Compare the data compiled under paragraph (b) of this subsection with similar data**
16 **from other states.**

17 **“(d) Identify obstacles to effective access to and utilization of health care services by**
18 **Oregon children under 18 years of age and whether any correlation exists between a working**
19 **parent’s access to health insurance and access to and utilization of health care services by**
20 **that parent’s dependent children.**

21 **“(e) Identify legislative action that would encourage the implementation of programs**
22 **designed to implement public and private sector cooperation to achieve a substantial increase**
23 **in children’s access to and utilization of basic health maintenance care.**

24 **“(3) At the conclusion of its assessment of children’s access to and utilization of health**
25 **care services described in subsection (2) of this section, the office shall prepare a final as-**
26 **essment report that incorporates input from the Task Force on Children’s Access to Health**
27 **Care.**

28 **“(4) The office shall submit its final assessment report, with findings and recommen-**
29 **dations, to the Governor, the Oregon Health Policy Commission and an appropriate legisla-**
30 **tive interim committee no later than October 1, 2006.**

31 **“SECTION 5. (1) There is created the Task Force on Children’s Access to Health Care**
32 **consisting of nine members who have expertise in health care issues, including issues that**
33 **concern children, the health care system and parental responsibility for childrens’ health**
34 **care expenses. The members shall be appointed as follows:**

35 **“(a) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint:**

1 “(A) One member who represents employers that provide health insurance for their em-
2 ployees and the dependent children of their employees; and

3 “(B) One member who represents advocates for children’s health and well-being.

4 “(b) The President of the Senate shall appoint:

5 “(A) One member who represents employers that provide health insurance for their em-
6 ployees and the dependent children of their employees; and

7 “(B) One member who represents advocates for children’s health and well-being.

8 “(c) The Governor shall appoint:

9 “(A) One member who holds an executive position with a company based in Oregon that
10 employs 50 or fewer employees and that provides private health insurance to its employees
11 and the dependent children of those employees;

12 “(B) Two members who are residents of Oregon who are knowledgeable about health
13 policy and who are committed to establishing effective partnerships between the public sec-
14 tor and the private sector for the purpose of improving the long-term health of Oregon’s
15 children;

16 “(C) One member who represents private insurance companies that provide comprehen-
17 sive health insurance for employees of Oregon employers; and

18 “(D) One member from the public.

19 “(2) The task force shall:

20 “(a) Serve as an advisory committee to the Oregon Health Policy Commission;

21 “(b) Study children’s access to health care;

22 “(c) Provide input to the Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research during the as-
23 sessment by the office of children’s access to and utilization of health care services as pro-
24 vided in section 4 of this 2005 Act; and

25 “(d) Review the final draft of the office’s assessment report required under section 4 of
26 this 2005 Act and give input to the office as a result of its review no later than August 15,
27 2006.

28 “(3) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the trans-
29 action of business.

30 “(4) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members
31 of the task force.

32 “(5) The members of the task force shall appoint one member to serve as chairperson
33 and one member to serve as vice chairperson.

34 “(6) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-
35 ment to become immediately effective.

36 “(7) The task force shall meet monthly or at a frequency necessary to complete its tasks,
37 and at places specified by the call of the chairperson or of a majority of the members of the
38 task force.

39 “(8) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.

40 “(9) The Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research shall provide staff support to the
41 task force.

42 “(10) Members of the task force are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement for
43 expenses and serve as volunteers on the task force.

44 “(11) Members of the task force shall be appointed no later than 90 days after the effec-
45 tive date of this 2005 Act. The task force shall hold its first meeting no later than 120 days

1 after the effective date of this 2005 Act.

2 “(12) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist
3 the task force in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating
4 to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the task force
5 consider necessary to perform their duties.

6 “SECTION 6. Sections 4 and 5 of this 2005 Act are repealed on the date of the convening
7 of the next regular biennial legislative session.

8 “SECTION 7. Section 2 of this 2005 Act and the amendments to ORS 108.040 by section
9 3 of this 2005 Act become operative on January 1, 2006.

10 “SECTION 8. This 2005 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
11 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2005 Act takes effect
12 on its passage.”

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