

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2772

By COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

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1 Delete lines 4 through 22 of the printed bill and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2005 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 743.730 to**
3 **743.773.**

4 **“SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, ‘guaranteed association’ means a statewide**
5 **nonprofit organization composed of a group of licensed individuals or employers who associ-**
6 **ate based solely on participation in a specified profession or industry accepting for member-**
7 **ship any individual or employer who meets the membership criteria of the organization.**

8 **“(2) A carrier may offer a health benefit plan to a guaranteed association if the plan**
9 **provides health benefits covering 500 or more members or dependents of members of the**
10 **association.**

11 **“(3) When a carrier offers coverage to a guaranteed association under subsection (2) of**
12 **this section, the carrier shall offer coverage to all members of the association and all de-**
13 **pendents of the members of the association without regard to the actual or expected health**
14 **status of any member or any dependent of a member of the association.**

15 **“(4) A carrier offering a health benefit plan under subsection (2) of this section shall es-**
16 **tablish premium rates as follows:**

17 **“(a) For the initial 12-month period, according to the rating methodology described in**
18 **ORS 743.737 (8)(b) and charged as a blended rate.**

19 **“(b) For any subsequent 12-month period, using the claims experience of the covered**
20 **members and covered dependents of the guaranteed association.**

21 **“(5) A carrier offering a health benefit plan under subsection (2) of this section to a**
22 **guaranteed association for any 12-month period other than the initial 12-month period shall**
23 **establish premium rates as described in subsection (4)(b) of this section.**

24 **“(6) A member of a guaranteed association may apply for coverage offered by a carrier**
25 **under subsection (2) of this section only during an open enrollment period offered annually**
26 **by the association.”.**

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