

House Bill 3196

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Establishes State Accident Insurance Fund Corporation Health Insurance Task Force to study feasibility of corporation offering health insurance coverage to employees of state, local governments and other public bodies and to Medicare recipients and certain small businesses. Requires report to Legislative Assembly.

Sunsets task force on date of convening of next regular biennial legislative session.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to State Accident Insurance Fund Corporation Health Insurance Task Force; and declaring
3 an emergency.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1. (1) There is created the State Accident Insurance Fund Corporation Health**
6 **Insurance Task Force, consisting of at least 10 members appointed by the Governor as fol-**
7 **lows:**

8 (a) **The administrator of the Public Employees' Benefit Board;**

9 (b) **The administrator of the Oregon Medical Insurance Pool Board;**

10 (c) **The chairperson of the Board of Directors of the State Accident Insurance Fund**
11 **Corporation;**

12 (d) **The manager of the State Accident Insurance Fund Corporation;**

13 (e) **The Administrator of the Insurance Division of the Department of Consumer and**
14 **Business Services; and**

15 (f) **Representatives of school districts, local governments and small businesses.**

16 (2) **The task force shall study the feasibility of the State Accident Insurance Fund Cor-**
17 **poration becoming the health insurance provider for employees of the state, local govern-**
18 **ments and other public bodies, Medicaid recipients and small businesses. The study shall**
19 **consider whether the structure and experience, as well as the nonprofit and tax exempt**
20 **status, of the corporation would make the corporation a cost-effective provider of health**
21 **insurance for public and hard-to-insure organizations. The task force shall also investigate**
22 **the benefit of purchasing high deductible re-insurance as a method of reducing risk. The**
23 **feasibility study of the corporation becoming a health insurer shall be undertaken with the**
24 **assumptions that the current workers' compensation insurance responsibilities of the cor-**
25 **poration shall continue and that none of the current assets of the corporation may be used**
26 **to finance a new health insurance program.**

27 (3) **A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction**
28 **of business.**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (4) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members
2 of the task force.

3 (5) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.

4 (6) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the Governor shall make an appointment to be-
5 come immediately effective.

6 (7) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson
7 or of a majority of the members of the task force.

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

9 (9) The task force shall submit a report, and may include recommendations for legis-
10 lation, to the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly in the manner required by ORS 192.245
11 no later than January 31, 2007.

12 (10) The Department of Consumer and Business Services shall provide staff support to
13 the task force.

14 (11) Members of the task force are not entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed
15 for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by them in the performance of
16 their official duties, in the manner and amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for ex-
17 penses shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Department of Consumer and Business
18 Services for that purpose.

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

23 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2005 Act is repealed on the date of the convening of the next
24 regular biennial legislative session.

25 **SECTION 3.** This 2005 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
26 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2005 Act takes effect
27 on its passage.
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