

Minority Report
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Senate Bill 1

Ordered by the Senate March 16
Including Senate Minority Report Amendments dated March 16

Sponsored by nonconcurring members of the Senate Committee on Health Policy: Senators KRUSE, GEORGE

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.

[Prohibits group health insurers from imposing treatment limitations, limits on total payments or financial requirements on coverage for chemical dependency, including alcoholism, and for mental or nervous conditions unless similar limitations or requirements are imposed on coverage of other medical conditions.]

[Takes effect January 1, 2007.]

Imposes moratorium on enactment of health insurance mandates.

Sunsets January 2, 2012.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to limitations on health insurance coverage; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Legislative Assembly finds that:

(a) The number of Oregonians without private health insurance is increasing at the same time that health insurance premiums are increasing;

(b) Mandated coverage of certain benefits and providers increases the cost of premiums;

(c) Small employers and individual purchasers are especially impacted by escalating premium costs; and

(d) A moratorium on health insurance mandates will help control growing premium costs and make health insurance more affordable, especially for small employers and individual purchasers.

(2) The Legislative Assembly may not enact any legislative measure that mandates a health insurance coverage, whether by requiring payment for certain providers or by requiring an offering of a health insurance coverage by an insurer or health care service contractor as a component of individual or group health insurance policies.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2005 Act is repealed on January 2, 2012.

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

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.