

**SENATE MINORITY REPORT
AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 1**

March 16

President Courtney:

A minority of your Committee on Health Policy, to whom was referred Senate Bill 1, having had the same under consideration, respectfully reports it back with the recommendation that it do pass with the following amendments:

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after “coverage;” delete the rest of the line and line 3 and
2 insert “and declaring an emergency.”.

3 Delete lines 5 through 30 and delete pages 2 through 7 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Legislative Assembly finds that:**

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

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

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

10 **“(d) A moratorium on health insurance mandates will help control growing premium**
11 **costs and make health insurance more affordable, especially for small employers and indi-**
12 **vidual purchasers.**

13 **“(2) The Legislative Assembly may not enact any legislative measure that mandates a**
14 **health insurance coverage, whether by requiring payment for certain providers or by re-**
15 **quiring an offering of a health insurance coverage by an insurer or health care service con-**
16 **tractor as a component of individual or group health insurance policies.**

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 Section 1 of this 2005 Act is repealed on January 2, 2012.**

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

21 /s/ Jeff Kruse
22 Senator

23 /s/ Gary George
24 Senator