

**A-Engrossed**  
**Senate Bill 669**

Ordered by the Senate May 17  
Including Senate Amendments dated May 17

Sponsored by Senator SHIELDS; Senator C STARR (at the request of Oregon Association of Naturopathic Physicians)

**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.

*[Authorizes person licensed as naturopathic doctor or physician to serve as attending physician for workers' compensation claim within certain limitations.]*

**Directs Department of Consumer and Business Services, in consultation with Workers' Compensation Management-Labor Advisory Committee, to conduct feasibility study of allowing personal physicians who do not qualify as attending physicians under Workers' Compensation Law to serve as attending physicians for purposes of workers' compensation claims.**

**Limits biennial expenditures by department from Consumer and Business Services Fund for purposes of study.**

**Declares emergency, effective on passage.**

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

1  
2 Relating to attending physicians for workers' compensation claims; limiting expenditures; and de-  
3 claring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Consumer and Business Services, in consultation with**  
6 **the Workers' Compensation Management-Labor Advisory Committee, shall conduct a study**  
7 **of the feasibility of allowing personal physicians who do not qualify as attending physicians**  
8 **as defined by ORS 656.005 (12)(b)(A) to serve as attending physicians for workers' compen-**  
9 **sation claims.**

10 **(2)(a) The department shall provide the findings of the study required by subsection (1)**  
11 **of this section to the Workers' Compensation Management-Labor Advisory Committee by**  
12 **December 1, 2006.**

13 **(b) The Workers' Compensation Management-Labor Advisory Committee shall review and**  
14 **consider the findings of the completed study and shall make recommendations based on the**  
15 **findings of the study to the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly.**

16 **(3) As used in this section:**

17 **(a) "Feasibility" means the maintenance of the integrity and the goals of the workers'**  
18 **compensation system.**

19 **(b) "Personal physician" means a physician as defined in ORS 656.005 (12)(a) who main-**  
20 **tains the medical records of a worker and with whom the worker has a documented record**  
21 **of treatment. "Personal physician" includes, but is not limited to, naturopathic physicians**  
22 **licensed under ORS chapter 685 and physician assistants licensed under ORS 677.505 to**  
23 **677.525.**

**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        **SECTION 2.** Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of \$300,000  
2 is established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2005, as the maximum limit for payment of  
3 expenses from assessments collected under ORS 656.612 and deposited in the Consumer and  
4 Business Services Fund by the Department of Consumer and Business Services for expenses  
5 related to the study required by section 1 of this 2005 Act.

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

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