

SENATE MINORITY REPORT AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 756

March 9

President Courtney:

A minority of your Committee on Human Services, to whom was referred Senate Bill 756, having had the same under consideration, respectfully reports it back with the recommendation that it do pass with the following amendments:

- 1 In line 2 of the printed bill, after “insurance” insert “; and declaring an emergency”.
- 2 Delete lines 4 through 26 and insert:
- 3 **“SECTION 1. (1) When an individual described in ORS 414.706 (5) applies for medical as-**
- 4 **sistance under ORS 414.705 to 414.750, the Department of Human Services may not impose**
- 5 **as a condition of eligibility a period of time during which the individual has not been covered**
- 6 **by private health insurance if:**
- 7 **“(a) The individual is otherwise eligible for medical assistance; and**
- 8 **“(b) The individual’s prior coverage under a group health insurance policy was termi-**
- 9 **nated:**
- 10 **“(A) At the death of a certificate holder of the group health insurance policy or upon**
- 11 **dissolution of marriage with, or legal separation from, a certificate holder; and**
- 12 **“(B) Within the six months preceding the date of the application.**
- 13 **“(2) As used in this section, ‘certificate holder’ has the meaning given that term in ORS**
- 14 **731.069.**
- 15 **“SECTION 2. (1) When an individual applies to enroll in the Family Health Insurance**
- 16 **Assistance Program established in ORS 735.720 to 735.740, notwithstanding ORS 735.720 (1)(c),**
- 17 **the Insurance Pool Governing Board may not impose as a condition of eligibility a period of**
- 18 **time during which the individual has not been covered by private health insurance if:**
- 19 **“(a) The individual is otherwise eligible to enroll in the program; and**
- 20 **“(b) The individual’s prior coverage under a group health insurance policy was termi-**
- 21 **nated:**
- 22 **“(A) At the death of a certificate holder of the group health insurance policy or upon**
- 23 **dissolution of marriage with, or legal separation from, a certificate holder; and**
- 24 **“(B) Within the six months preceding the date of application.**
- 25 **“(2) As used in this section, ‘certificate holder’ has the meaning given that term in ORS**
- 26 **731.069.**
- 27 **“SECTION 3. (1) When an individual under 19 years of age whose family income is no**
- 28 **more than 185 percent of the federal poverty guidelines qualifies for medical assistance under**
- 29 **the Oregon State Children’s Health Insurance Program under Title XXI of the Social Secu-**
- 30 **rity Act, the Department of Human Services may not impose as a condition of eligibility a**
- 31 **period of time during which the individual has not been covered by private health insurance**
- 32 **if:**

1 “(a) The individual is otherwise eligible for medical assistance; and
2 “(b) The individual’s prior coverage under a group health insurance policy was termi-
3 nated:

4 “(A) At the death of a certificate holder of the group health insurance policy or upon
5 dissolution of marriage with, or legal separation from, a certificate holder; and

6 “(B) Within the six months preceding the date of the application.

7 “(2) As used in this section, ‘certificate holder’ has the meaning given that term in ORS
8 731.069.

9 “SECTION 4. Sections 1 to 3 of this 2005 Act apply to an application for assistance sub-
10 mitted on or after the effective date of this 2005 Act.

11 “SECTION 5. This 2005 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
12 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2005 Act takes effect
13 on its passage.”.

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/s/ Jeff Kruse
Senator

/s/ Charles Starr
Senator
