

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 1003

By COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT

June 9

1 In line 2 of the printed bill, after “compensation” insert “; and declaring an emergency”.

2 Delete lines 4 through 9 and insert:

3 **“SECTION 1. (1)(a) The Department of Consumer and Business Services shall study the**
4 **impact that the denial in workers’ compensation claims has on services and benefits provided**
5 **by other public programs and private insurance carriers.**

6 **“(b) The department shall contract for the study required by this section with an entity**
7 **that has no interest in the outcome of the study.**

8 **“(2) The study shall include, but need not be limited to, consideration of:**

9 **“(a) Initial denials of workers’ compensation claims;**

10 **“(b) Services and benefits received by injured workers as a result of conditions denied in**
11 **workers’ compensation claims;**

12 **“(c) Costs incurred by public programs and private insurance carriers as a result of**
13 **providing services and benefits to injured workers whose workers’ compensation claims have**
14 **been denied; and**

15 **“(d) Costs borne directly by injured workers whose claims have been denied.**

16 **“(3) The results of the study shall be reported to the Legislative Assembly in the manner**
17 **prescribed by ORS 192.245 by September 30, 2006.**

18 **“SECTION 2. Notwithstanding ORS 656.605, moneys in the Workers’ Benefit Fund may**
19 **be expended to reimburse the Department of Consumer and Business Services for expenses**
20 **related to the study required under section 1 of this 2005 Act.**

21 **“SECTION 3. This 2005 Act is repealed on January 2, 2008.**

22 **“SECTION 4. This 2005 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
23 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2005 Act takes effect**
24 **on its passage.”.**

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