

Senate Bill 994

Sponsored by Senator MORSE (Presession filed.)

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 **as introduced**.

Requires Director of Department of Consumer and Business Services to prescribe pilot program in which small employer groups offer healthy behavior dividends that are exempt from rate variation requirements.

Sunsets January 2, 2016.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to health benefit plans offering dividends for healthy behaviors; and declaring an emer-
3 gency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2010 Act is added to and made a part of the Insurance Code.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) To the extent permitted by federal law, the Director of the Department**
7 **of Consumer and Business Services shall prescribe by rule a pilot program to operate within**
8 **a distinct geographic region of this state that meets the following criteria:**

9 (a) Carriers offer health benefit plans to small employer groups located within the pilot
10 program region that pay dividends for healthy behaviors in accordance with ORS 743.824.

11 (b) The combined total of all employees participating in the plans operating within the
12 pilot program shall be no less than 1,000.

13 (2) Dividends paid by insurers to participants in the pilot program under subsection (1)
14 of this section are not premium variations for the purposes of ORS 743.737 (8).

15 (3) The director shall evaluate the pilot program and report to the Legislative Assembly
16 no later than October 1, 2012, on the effectiveness of the pilot program in encouraging small
17 employer groups to offer plans that pay healthy behavior dividends.

18 (4) The director shall conduct a final evaluation of the pilot program and make recom-
19 mendations to the Legislative Assembly no later than October 1, 2014.

20 **SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2010 Act is repealed January 2, 2016.**

21 **SECTION 4. This 2010 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
22 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2010 Act takes effect**
23 **on its passage.**

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