

# House Bill 4073

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## 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**.

Limits cost-sharing for health benefit plan coverage of insulin prescribed for treatment of diabetes.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to the cost of insulin.

Whereas almost 20,000 Oregonians are diagnosed with diabetes each year; and

Whereas as of January 1, 2018, more than 435,000 adults in Oregon have been diagnosed with diabetes and another 100,000 are undiagnosed but living with the disease; and

Whereas every Oregonian with Type I diabetes and many with Type II diabetes rely on daily doses of insulin to survive; and

Whereas the annual medical costs related to diabetes in Oregon are \$4.3 billion; and

Whereas insulin prices rose by 45 percent between 2014 and 2017 and, over the past 14 years, the price of insulin has risen by 550 percent, adjusted for inflation; and

Whereas one in four individuals with Type I diabetes have reported using less than the prescribed amount of insulin due to the high cost of insulin; and

Whereas it is important to implement state policies that reduce the costs for Oregonians with diabetes to obtain life-saving and life-sustaining insulin; now, therefore,

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

**SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2020 Act is added to and made a part of the Insurance Code.**

**SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section:**

**(a) "Health benefit plan" has the meaning given that term in ORS 743B.005.**

**(b) "Insulin" means a prescription drug containing insulin that is prescribed for the treatment of diabetes.**

**(c) "Supply of insulin" means all types of insulin prescribed for an enrollee during a 30-day period.**

**(2) A health benefit plan offered in this state may not require an enrollee in the plan to incur more than \$100 in cost-sharing or other out-of-pocket expenses for each supply of insulin prescribed for the enrollee by the enrollee's health care provider.**

**(3) This section is not subject to ORS 743A.001.**

**SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2020 Act applies to health benefit plans issued, renewed or extended on or after January 1, 2021.**

**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.