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## **Nathanson Leads House Lawmakers as they Make Health Insurers More Accountable**

*Legislation emphasizes transparency and accountability  
to Oregonians*

SALEM – On Tuesday in a bipartisan effort, the Oregon House of Representatives passed HB 3103 sponsored by Representative Nathanson (D- North Eugene.) “This bill encourages an open public process that will enhance the state’s commitment to public accountability” argued Nathanson, as she urged colleagues to pass legislation to make health insurance rate setting more transparent to the public.

Under current law much of the information and documentation health insurers provide to the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services is defined as confidential and is reviewed behind closed doors outside of the public eye. Included in this information are estimates on profit margin, trends in medical costs, and other valuable information that could allow consumers to make more informed decisions and more effective oversight of the health insurance industry.

“This bill makes it clear that health insurance rate filings are public records and allows the Department to post the filings for public review,” said Nathanson. “Public rate filings will facilitate public scrutiny and create opportunities for stakeholders to comment on specific rating issues and offer alternatives.” said Nathanson.

A strong majority of house members joined with Nathanson in passing this legislation on to the senate. This bill continued a trend set by new house leadership to protect consumers and make government more accountable and transparent.

Full text of this legislative proposal as well as Representative Nathanson’s testimony is available at [www.leg.state.or.us/nancynathanson](http://www.leg.state.or.us/nancynathanson)

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