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State administrator to become Pennsylvania insurance commissioner

(Salem) — Joel Ario, administrator of the Insurance Division in the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS), is leaving Oregon to accept the position of Insurance Commissioner for the State of Pennsylvania.

“This is a great opportunity for Joel, but a significant loss for Oregon,” said Cory Streisinger, director of DCBS. “Joel is respected throughout the insurance industry and by advocates for consumer interests, and for good reason – he’s been a true leader and reformer on a range of insurance issues that affect all Oregonians.”

Ario, 53, has been with the Department of Consumer and Business Services since 1994 and has been administrator of the Insurance Division since 2000. He has served as vice president of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC), and currently chairs the NAIC committee on health insurance.

DCBS intends to conduct a nationwide search for his replacement.

The Department of Consumer and Business Services is Oregon’s largest business regulatory and consumer protection agency. For more information, visit www.dcbs.oregon.gov.