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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Authorizes Director of Human Services to appoint Public Health Director. Defines duties of Public Health Director. Establishes authority of Public Health Director, State Public Health Authority and local public health authority to take certain actions during public health emergency. Modifies authority of Governor to take certain actions during state of public health emergency.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Limitations under current statutes
- Approval process
- Public health is not a key agency in a health emergency
- Creating a common framework for public health providers
- Tailor to address large and small scale emergencies
- Current quarantine and isolation process does not protect individuals or communities

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Expands definitions. Expands authority given to the Public Health Director.. Requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to adopt temporary rules to implement sections of the measure. Provides compensation for property taken. Requires DHS to adopt rules related to reportable diseases and provide immunity for reporting reportable diseases. Require DHS to adopt rules for the Oregon Vaccine Education and Prioritization Plan. Extends maximum duration for isolation and quarantine to 60 days.. Provides counsel for persons who are unable to afford legal counsel during a hearing on isolation and quarantine. Direct state and local law enforcement to assist to the extent resources are available. Removes control of a health care facility when responding to a public health emergency. Allows the Public Health Director to supersede authority granted to the local public health authority if their actions are inconsistent with guidelines or rules adopted by DHS. Requires the medical examiner to certify the cause and manner of death.

**BACKGROUND:** Under current statutes, the Director of the Department of Human Services and the local public health administrator determine if there is an impending public health crisis.

House Bill 2185-A allows for the appointment of a Public Health Director to perform the duties related to public health emergencies in the state. The measure also adds and expands definitions and duties related to public health and defines the authority and responsibility of the Governor, the Public Health Director, and state and local authorities during a public health emergency.