

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 7 - 0 - 2
Yeas: Bonamici, Cannon, Flores, Kotek, Maurer, Richardson, Greenlick
Nays: 0
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Meeting Dates: 5/7

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires tissue and eye banks to be registered and regulated by the United States Food and Drug Administration. Requires a health care facility performing organ transplants to be a member of the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network and to use organ procurement organization. Requires a health care facility performing tissue or corneal transplants to obtain tissue or corneas from registered and regulated tissue or eye bank. Requires Department of Human Services (DHS) to adopt by rule standards and system of registration for organ procurement organizations, tissue and eye banks. Requires organizations and banks to register with DHS. Establishes civil penalties for noncompliance with standards or registration requirements.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Background on individuals that have received infected tissue and organs
- Review of federal oversight and regulations
- Ongoing public safety efforts
- DHS's support in developing the rules and registration procedures
- Importance of consistency and transparency in this industry
- Industry's ability to comply

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) establish standards for transplant centers that seek to participate in the Medicare program. Current CMS eligibility and reimbursement requirements for heart, liver and lung transplant centers do not include an assessment of compliance with quality standards.

The tissue and organ transplant industry is growing. The Department of Human Services Health Care Licensing and Certification Office is unaware of how many facilities exist in Oregon.

Proponents state that certification and accreditation ensures that providers meet standards for donor screening, procurement, processing, and storage of human tissue. Certification may provide transplant consumers a third party source of information to assist in making informed health care decisions about transplant programs.