

REVENUE: No revenue impact
FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

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Meeting Dates:	2/7, 2/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires that health care facilities that perform organ or tissue transplants, tissue banks and tissue bank personnel be certified by certain organizations.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Numerous cases of individuals becoming ill or dying after receiving infected tissue and organs
- Largely unregulated industry, FDA is aware of problems but thinks industry should regulate itself
- Intended to prevent industry problems from arising in Oregon
- Infrequency of hospital inspections

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.

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.