

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
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<b>Nays:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	2/26, 4/17

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Allows a health care provider or state health plan to charge no more than \$35 for copying 10 or fewer pages of patient health records. Increases maximum amount that may be charged for each additional page copied from 25 cents per page to 50 cents per page.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Steps required to copy medical records
- Cost of health care

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Eliminates flat clerical fee and changes proposed fees per page.

**BACKGROUND:** The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996 was designed to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the health care system by encouraging the development of standards for the electronic transmission, privacy and security of certain health information. States are currently taking action to meet HIPAA requirements.

Oregon's statewide HIPAA effort was centralized in 1992 at the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to assist state agencies in determining HIPAA impacts and meeting their federal HIPAA requirements. Oregon SB 104 (2001) also established the Governor's Advisory Board on Medical Information to propose new legislation as a result of meeting federal obligations under HIPAA.

HIPPA regulations and the increased use of electronic medical records have complicated the process of retrieving and duplicating medical records.