

Senate Bill 769

Sponsored by Senator MORRISETTE (at the request of Hepatitis C Caring Ambassadors Program)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Directs Department of Human Services to implement Oregon State Hepatitis C Strategic Plan to promote public awareness of hepatitis C. Directs department to establish pilot program for voluntary hepatitis C testing. Authorizes department to award grants or contracts for activities under Act.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to hepatitis C.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Human Services shall implement an Oregon State**
5 **Hepatitis C Strategic Plan to enhance knowledge and understanding and heighten awareness**
6 **of hepatitis C. In implementing the plan, the department shall:**

7 (a) **Conduct health education, public awareness and community outreach activities to**
8 **promote public awareness and knowledge about risk factors related to hepatitis C, the value**
9 **of early detection, the availability of screening services and options available for the treat-**
10 **ment of hepatitis C; and**

11 (b) **Provide hepatitis C training to staff at public health clinics, mental health facilities,**
12 **university clinics, community health centers and urgent care facilities relating to the treat-**
13 **ment, detection and transmission of hepatitis C.**

14 (2) **The department shall establish by rule a pilot program for voluntary hepatitis C**
15 **testing and report on the program's results to the Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly. The**
16 **results of any test performed through the pilot program may not be used for insurance**
17 **purposes, to screen or determine suitability for employment or to discharge a person from**
18 **employment.**

19 (3) **Subject to available funding, including gifts, grants or donations, the department may**
20 **award grants to, or enter into contracts or cooperative agreements with, local governments**
21 **as defined in ORS 174.116, Indian tribes and nonprofit entities that have special expertise**
22 **regarding hepatitis C, to carry out activities under this section.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.