

# Senate Bill 870

Sponsored by Senator WESTLUND

## 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**.

Requires Department of Human Services to award electronic medical records technology grants to entities in at least five communities. Specifies criteria for projects.

Establishes Electronic Medical Records Technology Fund. Continuously appropriates moneys from fund to department for purpose of awarding grants.

Appropriates moneys to department for fund.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to electronic medical records; appropriating money; and declaring an emergency.

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

3 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Human Services shall award grants to implement**  
4 **electronic medical records technology projects in no fewer than five communities in Oregon.**

5 **(2) Each project must meet all of the following criteria:**

6 **(a) It must be capable of providing access to records at more than one location.**

7 **(b) It must utilize a community-wide or multiple-agency acquisition strategy designed to**  
8 **reduce duplicative procedures at multiple access points.**

9 **(c) It must leverage federal or private funding to the greatest extent possible.**

10 **(3) A grant under subsection (1) of this section shall be awarded for a period of not less**  
11 **than two years and not more than seven years.**

12 **(4) The department may adopt rules necessary to implement the provisions of this sec-**  
13 **tion, including annual reporting requirements to obtain the information necessary to evalu-**  
14 **ate the successes and areas for improvement in each project.**

15 **SECTION 2. (1) All grants under section 1 of this 2007 Act must be awarded by the De-**  
16 **partment of Human Services no later than 180 days after adjournment sine die of the regular**  
17 **session of the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly.**

18 **(2) Each electronic medical records technology project must commence within one year**  
19 **after adjournment sine die of the regular session of the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly.**

20 **SECTION 3. (1) There is established the Electronic Medical Records Technology Fund,**  
21 **separate and distinct from the General Fund.**

22 **(2) The moneys in the Electronic Medical Records Technology Fund are continuously**  
23 **appropriated to the Department of Human Services for the purpose of awarding grants under**  
24 **section 1 of this 2007 Act.**

25 **SECTION 4. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**  
26 **ated to the Department of Human Services, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, out of**  
27 **the General Fund, the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ , to be deposited in the Electronic Medical Records**  
28 **Technology Fund for the purpose of awarding grants under section 1 of this 2007 Act.**  
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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.

1        **SECTION 5. This 2007 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
2        **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2007 Act takes effect**  
3        **on its passage.**

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