

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

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Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Revenue by Prior Reference

Vote: 5 - 3 - 1

Yeas: Boone, Cowan, Dembrow, VanOrman, Tomei

Nays: Freeman, Maurer, Olson

Exc.: Huffman

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Meeting Dates: 3/2, 4/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Creates the 19-member Oregon traumatic brain injury strategic partnership advisory council as an advisory group for the Governor and Department of Human Services (DHS). Requires DHS to provide staff support. Requires DHS to contract with an expert to provide a preliminary report on a comprehensive statewide plan to address the needs of individuals with traumatic brain injuries including the use of public-private collaboration; report on development of an information and referral network, statewide registry and services; and encourage and facilitate collaboration between public and private programs. Requires DHS to provide funding to the contractor for programs that facilitate existing support groups. Designates a \$2 fee from traffic citations to fund the program. Establishes the Brain Injury Trust Fund.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Incidence of traumatic brain injury
- Resources for victims
- Availability of matching funds
- Private resources
- Access to expertise

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Creates the 19-member Oregon traumatic brain injury strategic partnership advisory council as an advisory group for the Governor and Department of Human Services (DHS). Requires DHS to provide staff support. Requires DHS to contract with an expert to provide a preliminary report on a comprehensive statewide plan to address the needs of individuals with traumatic brain injuries including the use of public-private collaboration; report on development of an information and referral network, statewide registry and services; and encourage and facilitate collaboration between public and private programs. Requires DHS to provide funding to the contractor for programs that facilitate existing support groups. Designates a \$2 fee from traffic citations to fund the program. Establishes the Brain Injury Trust Fund.

BACKGROUND: According to the Brain Injury Association of Oregon, Inc. at least 6.5 million Americans live with the result of a traumatic brain injury, an injury to the brain caused by a direct blow to the skull often as a result of an accident or assault. Using data from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention it is estimated that 20,000 Oregonians sustain a traumatic brain injury each year with another 259,000 unidentified but living with the results of the injury because they are treated and released from an emergency room or by a physician without follow-up. Many of those living with the results of a traumatic brain injury have a wide range of cognitive, behavioral and emotional deficits. These include difficulty learning and remembering new material, starting and completing tasks – even those that were simple prior to the injury – decreased ability to analyze and problem solve accompanied by anger, depression and inappropriate behavior often result in the loss of friendships, family problems and increasing isolation for the affected individuals and their families.

Call centers, traumatic brain injury registries, counseling assistance for survivors and caretakers and recognition and treatment of the condition are all ways that traumatic brain injury is being addressed.

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