

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
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Meeting Dates: 5/28

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires clinical laboratories to release test results to patients upon receiving proper authorization from a doctor, dentists, or person who requested the test.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Review of amendment from House Health Care Committee
- The need for patients to receive laboratory results in timely manner
- House amendment that deleted the anticoagulant test result requirement

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Currently, clinical laboratories are required to issue laboratory results in writing “not sooner than seven days” (ORS.438.430). For medications that require adjustment, the seven-day requirement makes it difficult for clinical laboratories to provide the appropriate and timely care of the patient.

House Bill 3234-A changes the seven-day requirement to allow the laboratories to immediately release results upon receiving appropriate authorization from the ordering provider, and deletes the anticoagulant test result requirement.