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Yeas:	Cannon, Doherty, Hoyle, Kennemer, Parrish, Weidner, Greenlick, Thompson
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Meeting Dates:	2/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Clarifies the authority of the laboratory of the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to examine excretions and environmental samples and to perform examinations for government agencies and licensed practitioners outside of Oregon.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Update current language to accurately describe laboratory practices
- Duties of public health investigations
- Clarifies authority of Oregon State Public Health Laboratory (OSPHL)
- Role of OSPHL in out-of-state testing
- Current Memorandum of Understanding between Alaska, Washington, and Idaho

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon State Public Health Laboratory (OSPHL) has been supporting state and local infection disease control efforts since 1903. OSPHL's primary responsibility is to provide testing of community health importance that will protect, preserve, and promote the health of all the people of Oregon. OSPHL's main clients are county health departments and other local agencies which address community-level health issues while offering selected health care services to those who do not have access to private providers.

OSPHL tests hundreds of thousands of samples each year that are submitted by government agencies and practitioners outside of Oregon. Currently, OSPHL tests every newborn infant in six states (OR, ID, AK, NV, HI, NM), as well as on a few military bases and tribal health facilities, for over 40 disorders; the laboratory has a screening contract with all of these states. Additionally, samples for communicable disease testing are often submitted to OSPHL from licensed practitioners in other states, independent of any intergovernmental agreement.

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