## 76th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2011 Regular Session MEASURE: HB 2967 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMAR CARRIER: Rep. Jenson

**House Committee on Health Care** 

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

**Action:** Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

**Vote:** 8 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Cannon, Doherty, Hoyle, Kennemer, Parrish, Weidner, Greenlick, Thompson

Nays: 0 Exc.: 0

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/4, 2/21, 2/28

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires clinical laboratory, when requested by patient, provide laboratory test results for examination or analysis immediately if the results have been available to the laboratory for at least one working day at the time of the request, or within one working day after the results have become available to the laboratory.

## **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- House Bill 3234 (2009) discussed
- Seven day waiting period has been problematic
- Concerns with term immediately
- Proposed amendment

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Specifies that the clinical laboratory, when requested by the patient, provide written laboratory results of test, examination or analysis immediately if the results have been available to the laboratory for at least one working day at the time of the request, or within one working day after the results have become available to the laboratory.

**BACKGROUND:** Currently, clinical laboratories are required to issue laboratory results in writing to the patient not sooner than seven days when the ordering provider has not given authorization to release the results. If the ordering provider has given authorization, the laboratory results can be released to the patient immediately (ORS 438.430).