

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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Meeting Dates:	2/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Changes the chairman of the State Medical Examiner Advisory Board (Board) from the Chairman of the Department of Anatomic Pathology at Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) to the Chair of the Department of Pathology. Adds to the Board one member of the federally recognized Oregon Indian tribes. Directs the Governor to appoint the member no later than January 1, 2013. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Loss of Chairman of the Department of Anatomic Pathology position at OHSU
- Desire to formalize relationship with the Oregon Indian tribes

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon State Medical Examiner is a division of the State Police. Its purpose is to provide direction and support to the state death investigation program. The Board meets annually and makes policies regarding the investigation of deaths and the identification of dead and missing persons. The Board also recommends pathologists to the Superintendent of the State Police for appointment as the State Medical Examiner.

OHSU no longer has a Chairman of the Department of Anatomic Pathology. The Chair of the Department of Pathology has been the acting Chair of the Board for several years. SB 66 codifies this change.

The Board has also long-filled the public-at-large position with a member of the federally recognized Oregon Indian tribes. SB 66 also formalizes this relationship.