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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires Oregon Health Authority to develop and maintain lead poisoning prevention clearinghouse on its website. Specifies information that must be included in lead poisoning prevention clearinghouse.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Effects of lead poisoning
- Identification of lead hazards in school buildings
- Potential cost of remediation
- Desired impact of legislation

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Currently, statute provides the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) with authority to regulate lead-based paint activities. OHA is responsible for certifying firms and individuals to perform lead-based paint activities including renovation; developing programs and accrediting training providers to provide lead-based paint activities and renovations; and developing and conducting programs to screen blood levels, identify hazards and educate the public about the dangers of lead-based paint and appropriate precautions to reduce the probability of childhood lead poisoning.

Within OHA, the Public Health Division's Office of Environmental Public Health oversees Oregon's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (OCLPPP). The objectives of OCLPPP are to increase awareness of lead poisoning; monitor blood lead levels in children; identify children with lead poisoning and determine source of exposure; ensure that children with elevated blood lead levels receive appropriate care; and develop strategies to prevent childhood exposure to lead.

House Bill 4015 requires OHA to develop a lead poisoning prevention clearinghouse on its website that provides information for public and private schools, grades kindergarten through 12, about the dangers posed to students by exposure to lead and how best to protect students from hazards posed by lead-based paint. The clearinghouse must include information such as common sources of exposure to lead, adverse health effects from exposure, tips on preventing exposure to lead, and a list of the state's laws and rules relating to lead-based paint.