

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued**

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**Action:** Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed  
**Vote:** 9 - 0 - 0  
**Yeas:** Clem, Conger, Harker, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Thompson, Weidner, Greenlick  
**Nays:** 0  
**Exc.:** 0  
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**Meeting Dates:** 2/8, 2/27

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Provides postpartum mother option to remove placenta from health care facility pursuant to rules adopted by Oregon Health Authority.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Not clear under current statute if placentas can be legally removed from hospitals
- Items considered biological waste
- Lab procedures for testing placenta

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Authorizes Oregon Health Authority to adopt rules. Deletes placenta removal criteria.

**BACKGROUND:** In some cultures, there is a ritual conducted for the disposal of the placenta. Some Oregon hospitals have developed procedures to allow postpartum mothers to remove the placenta when they are discharged. State law outlines policies and procedures for the containment and treatment of biological waste, which includes placentas; however it is unclear if removal of the placenta from a health care facility is legal.

House Bill 2612-A exempts placentas from the biological waste containment and treatment requirements and grants rulemaking authority to Oregon Health Authority to develop criteria for the removal of placentas from health care facilities.