

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Knopp, Kruse, Shields, Steiner Hayward, Monnes Anderson
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/26

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes representatives from either Oregon Health Authority (OHA) or Department of Human Services (DHS) to represent either agency in contested hearings. Directs OHA, DHS and Oregon Health Insurance Exchange (aka CoverOregon) to share certain information. Authorizes OHA to operate developmental disabilities program if county declines. Specifies additional functions of OHA and DHS. Deletes references to developmental disabilities. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the bill
- Continued technical modifications relating to cross-delegation authority
- Proposed amendment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Deletes references to developmental disabilities.

BACKGROUND: In 2009, House Bill 2009 was enacted, which established the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) separate from the Department of Human Services (DHS), and granted authority for cross-delegation between OHA and DHS. In 2011, House Bill 2100 made additional statutory changes to reflect the continued changes to OHA. Both OHA and DHS routinely make decisions regarding the eligibility of individuals for certain programs and benefits. Under current law, these individuals have some rights to request a contested case hearing to appeal certain adverse decisions. Currently, both agencies must provide their own representative for each contested case hearing, even when the interests of the agencies are shared.

House Bill 2089-A continues to provide statutory clarification between OHA and DHS to further streamline the functions between the two agencies.