

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass

Vote: 9 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Fagan, Holvey, Kennemer, Matthews, Thatcher, Thompson, Weidner, Witt, Doherty

Nays: 0

Exc.: Barton

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Meeting Dates: 2/25, 3/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Changes name of Center for Research on Occupational and Environmental Toxicology to Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Emphasis on total worker health
- Percentage of workers' compensation claims related to environmental exposures
- Ability to attract grant funding from the National Institutes of Health

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Legislative Assembly established the Center for Research on Occupational and Environmental Toxicology (CROET) at the Oregon Health and Science University in 1985. Through supporting basic and applied research, CROET's mission is to promote health, and prevent disease and disability among working Oregonians and their families during their employment years and through retirement. The Management-Labor Advisory Committee at the Workers' Compensation Division frequently receives reports from CROET in its effort to prevent injuries and promote safer workplaces. CROET has broadened its vision to emphasize total worker health rather than solely conducting research into occupational and environmental toxicology.