## 77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2013 Regular Session MEASURE: HB 2092 CARRIER: Rep. Lively

**House Committee on Health Care** 

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

**Action:** Do Pass and Rescind the Subsequent Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means

**Vote:** 6 - 2 - 1

Yeas: Clem, Harker, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Greenlick

Nays: Conger, Weidner

**Exc.:** Thompson

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Meeting Dates: 2/4

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to establish and administer statewide injury and violence prevention program. Authorizes OHA to gather injury and violence data, develop comprehensive state plans, collaborate with state, local, private and community groups and conduct research. Continuously appropriates moneys received by gift, grant or donation for purpose of administering program. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Proposed amendment to clarify data gathering will be submitted in the Senate
- Most injuries are predictable and can theoretically be prevented
- Past efforts of the program in promoting awareness and partnering to create targeted solutions contributed to Oregon's 53 percent reduction in child injuries since 2007
- Current program funding expenditures and outcomes
- Data gathered by the program increases understanding and aids prevention of domestic violence
- Program increases access to violence prevention resources for low income Oregonians
- Data gathered by the program shows the impact of domestic violence on children and teens

## EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** Data gathered by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) indicates that injuries are the leading cause of death for Oregonians under 44 years of age, and account for more than \$348 million in annual hospitalization costs. The agency currently operates an injury and violence prevention program which is authorized under OHA's general mission to protect the public's health and which has been funded since 1999 by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. OHA asserts that House Bill 2092 clarifies the role of the program, allows OHA to build partnerships and helps the program compete for federal grants and foundation funds.