77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2013 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY House Committee on Health Care

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued	
Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Rescind the Subsequent Referral to the
	Committee on Ways and Means
Vote:	8 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Clem, Harker, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Thompson, Weidner, Greenlick
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Conger
Prepared By:	Tyler Larson, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	4/10

REVENUE: No revenue impact

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Modifies vital statistics provisions to reflect Revisions to Model State Vital Statistics Act 2011. Requires facilities with ten or more deaths use electronic reporting system. Allows medical care provider in Washington, Idaho or California treating Oregonian to certify death. Requires certified copies of vital records for legal use contain overt, covert and forensic features. Allows birth certificate gender indication be changed by court order if court determines reassignment has been completed. Allows unlicensed midwife attending birth and registered with Oregon Center for Health Statistics submit report of live birth. Operative date January 1, 2014. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

• Provisions of the bill

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND: According to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), vital records present both national and state interests in security and public health. Birth records are often used to establish or verify citizenship. Restricted access, secure electronic systems, and clear history of changes are necessary to continue confidence of certifications of birth.

The last vital records statutory revision was 1992. Oregon has adopted several provisions that partially meet changing expectations for security, parentage and privacy, but OHA asserts that the current statutes are incomplete and difficult to understand. House Bill 2093-A updates Oregon vital statistics statutes to reflect the 2011 Revisions to the Model State Vital Statistics Act.