

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
Vote: 4 - 0 - 1
Yeas: Knopp, Kruse, Steiner Hayward, Monnes Anderson
Nays: 0
Exc.: Shields
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Meeting Dates: 4/22

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes Public Health Officer to carry out specified duties under federal Ryan White CARE Act relating to exposure of infectious diseases. Updates terminology and corrects agency references. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- New federal State Health Officer requirements to identify Designated Officer (DO)
- Requirements of DO
- Outdated references
- Update on Healthcare Acquired Infections (HAI)

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Currently, Oregon’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OR-OSHA) has requirements in statute and administrative rules that address worker exposure to infectious diseases. However, federal law states that the State Health Officer has to identify Designated Officers (DO) for emergency response employees (ERE). Current OR-OSHA requirements do not align with the federal requirement. In addition, federal law allows a public health authority to evaluate reports from medical facilities relating to potential exposure to infectious diseases and to make further inquiries.

House Bill 2094-A updates statutory language for programs including federal state health officer requirements, health acquired infections (HAI), and additional technical updates.