

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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Yeas: Edwards, Monroe, Starr, Thomsen, Beyer
Nays: 0
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Meeting Dates: 4/29

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of the Center for Research on Occupational and Environmental Toxicology
- New name better matches the mission of the Institute

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Legislative Assembly established the Center for Research on Occupational and Environmental Toxicology (CROET) at Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) in 1985. CROET's mission is to promote health and to prevent disease, injury, and disability among working Oregonians and their families, both during employment years and through retirement. CROET is a research and training center that also provides consultation and public information on occupational health and safety.

OHSU has noted that only two percent of workers' compensation claims are the result of environmental exposures, while the majority of claims result from workplace injuries and related conditions. As a result, CROET has transitioned toward an emphasis on total worker health, as opposed to research solely on occupational and environmental toxicology. The proposed name change to the Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences reflects this transition.