

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: 5/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Modifies provisions of law relating to vital statistics to reflect 2011 Revision of Model State Vital Statistics Act. Appropriates fee moneys collected under provisions to Oregon Health Authority for purpose of administering provisions. Becomes operative January 1, 2014. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure
- Medical examiners moving towards electronic records
- Required signature on death certificates
- Changing sex on original birth certificate

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

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 occurred in 1992. Oregon has adopted several provisions that partially address the changing expectations for security, parentage and privacy, but OHA asserts that 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.