

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass

Vote: 9 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Clem, Conger, Harker, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Thompson, Weidner, Greenlick

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 4/29, 5/17

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs Oregon Health Authority adopt rules requiring all infants born at birthing facilities located in the state be screened for congenital heart defects by January 1, 2014. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the bill
- Stories of children lost to undetected congenital heart defects

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Congenital heart defects (CHD) are abnormalities in the heart's structure that are present at birth. Approximately eight out of every 1,000 newborns have CHDs, which can range from mild to severe. The cause of most CHDs is unknown; generally they cannot be prevented, but there are many treatments for the defects and related health problems. Critical Congenital Health Disease (CCHD) is a form of CHD that means the heart defect can cause severe, life threatening symptoms and requires immediate intervention, within hours, days or months of birth.

Pulse oximetry screening is a non-invasive, safe, bedside test generally administered during the discharge exam to identify newborns with CCHD.