

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass with Amendments to the A-Engrossed Measure. (Printed B-Engrossed)

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Knopp, Kruse, Shields, Steiner Hayward, Monnes Anderson

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 5/13, 5/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Provides for regulation of persons that engage in recovery or distribution of anatomical material from donors for research or education purposed other than transplanting anatomical material or therapy. Continuously appropriates moneys to Oregon Health Authority for purposes of Act. Exempts laboratories that conduct research and lab work for hospitals. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need for industry oversight and credibility
- Volume of specimens handled
- Current uses for cadavers
- Current processes of recovery organizations
- Importance of credentialing
- Proposed amendments

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Exempts laboratories that conduct research and lab work for hospitals.

BACKGROUND: Nontransplant anatomical research recovery organizations (NARRO) are tissue banks that collect and harvest human cadaver tissue for the purposes of medical research and education. New York was the first state to establish comprehensive oversight for tissue banks, and has served as model for other states seeking to regulate the handling of postmortem tissue.

Supporters assert that concerns regarding the handling and return of anatomical material necessitate state oversight for NARROs. House Bill 3345-B requires the Oregon Health Authority to establish licensing procedures for NARROs and requires NARROs to be licensed by July 1, 2014.

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