

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: 4 – 0 – 1

Yeas: Beyer, Burdick, Starr, Rosenbaum

Nays: 0

Exc.: Ferrioli

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Meeting Dates: 5/22

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Modifies provisions of law relating to vital statistics to reflect 2011 Revision to 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:

- Amendments

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Removes certain language referencing fetal breathing and beating of fetal heart.

BACKGROUND: According to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), vital records impact both national and state interests in security and public health. Birth records are often used to establish or verify citizenship. Death records are often used to settle affairs, such as making determinations of insurance or Social Security benefits. Restricted access, secure electronic systems, and clear history of changes are necessary to maintain confidence in these records.

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 2093B updates Oregon's vital statistics statutes to reflect the 2011 Revisions to the Model State Vital Statistics Act.