

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Greenlick  
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Steiner Hayward

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

**Fiscal:** Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

**Action:** Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure

**Vote:** 22 – 3 – 1

House

Yeas: Barker, Buckley, Frederick, Huffman, Jenson, Komp, McLane, Nathanson, Read,  
Richardson, Smith, Tomei, Williamson

Nays: Freeman

Exc: Hanna

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Devlin, Edwards, Hansell, Johnson, Monroe, Steiner Hayward, Thomsen, Winters

Nays: Girod, Whitsett

Exc:

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**Meeting Date:** June 21, 2013

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Establishes Task Force on the Future of Public Health Services to study regionalization and consolidation of public health services and develop recommendations. Requires task force report to interim committee no later than October 1, 2014. Requires Oregon Health Authority (OHA) provide staff support and state agencies to assist in performance of duties. Establishes sunset date of convening of 2016 regular session of the Legislative Assembly. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Fiscal impact
- Need for task force

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** The Oregon public health system is comprised of state, federal and local agencies, private organizations and other partners working together to protect and promote the health of Oregonians. The Oregon Health Authority asserts that a strong public health system is necessary to achieve better health outcomes at lower costs and to continue the transformation of health care delivery.

House Bill 2348-A creates a task force to study the future of public health in Oregon. The task force is directed to develop recommendations for legislation to continue providing public health services efficiently and effectively and to submit a final report before the 2016 regular session of the Legislative Assembly.