

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
Vote:	4 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Kruse, Shields, Steiner Hayward, Monnes Anderson
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Knopp
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Meeting Dates:	5/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes 15-member Task Force on Future of Public Health Services to study regionalization and consolidation of public health services and future of public health services in Oregon. Directs Task Force develop recommendations for legislation, submit report to interim Legislative committee relating to public health. Sunsets on convening of 2016 Legislative session. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Local public health department's involvement with health care transformation
- Counties facing fiscal dilemmas
- National initiatives relating to regionalization
- Need for broad long-term solutions
- Future public health demands

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon public health system is composed 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 15-member 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.