

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**CARRIER:**

Senate Committee on Senate Health Care

REVENUE: No revenue impact**FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued****Action:****Vote:****Yeas:****Nays:****Exc.:****Prepared By:** Zena Rockowitz, Administrator**Meeting Dates:** 5/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to establish the Oregon Health Information Technology Program. Authorizes OHA to provide optional health information technology services (HIT) to support statewide healthcare and establish fees to cover cost of expanding HIT services. Allows OHA to participate in or fund HIT partnerships or collaborative. Establishes the Health Information Technology Oversight Council under the Oregon Health Policy Board (OHPB), changes appointment authority from the Governor to the OHPB, and modifies the role of the Council to provide strategic and policy recommendations. Expands OHA scope to include certain activities to support the Oregon HIT program. Clarifies procurement procedures. Requires that OHA submit annual report to the Legislative Assembly. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: -A2 Amendment: Removes Oregon Health Authority exemption relating to information technology under Department of Administrative Services. Modifies operative date.

BACKGROUND: The Office of Health Information and Technology (OHIT) was established in 2011 as part of the Oregon Health Authority to support the adoption of electronic health records, the secure exchange of health information, and to support the use of initiatives throughout the state. OHIT is a resource for both state programs and other public and private users of health information, providing planning, coordination, policy analysis and the development of public/private partnerships. Additionally, OHIT staffs the Governor-appointed Health Information Technology Oversight Council.