

**PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY****CARRIER:**

Senate Committee on Senate Health Care

**REVENUE: Fiscal impact issued****FISCAL: No revenue impact****Action:****Vote:****Yeas:****Nays:****Exc.:****Prepared By:** Zena Rockowitz, Administrator**Meeting Dates:** 5/6, 6/3

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires a physician, physician assistant or individual licensed to practice nursing, to be present at blood drives. Requires a qualified person to be present during the donor intake and screening process, but does not require the professional to conduct the intake. Specifies that if a qualified person is unable to attend the blood drive and 48-hour notice is given, the donor site must make a reasonable attempt to replace the individual. Requires the donor site to keep a record of the qualified individual schedule.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Difference in organizational policies requiring licensed health care providers are present at blood drives
- Budget challenges for blood collection companies
- Impact on client care without licensed nurses available in emergency
- Compliance with Federal Drug Administration regulation
- Flexibility if nurse cancels
- Constraints on blood collectors
- Physicians available for consultation
- Tracking of donor complication data

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

**BACKGROUND:** Blood donation is a process where a person voluntarily has blood drawn, which is then used for transfusions. Most blood donors are unpaid and donate blood for the community supply. Donors are evaluated and must answer questions on the status of their health, medical history and regarding conditions that might be transmitted by a blood transfusion (e.g., HIV, Hepatitis, certain drugs, etc.). It has been reported that blood donation companies are moving away from using licensed health care professionals on blood drives in Oregon. There is concern that, on rare occasions, blood donors have experienced serious medical problems and that without appropriate medical professionals on site, patient safety could be jeopardized.