

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**House Committee On Health Care****Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact**Action Date:** 04/17/15**Action:** Do Pass As Amended, Be Printed Engrossed, And Bill Be Referred To Ways And Means.**Meeting Dates:** 03/09, 04/03, 04/17**Vote:**

Yeas: 8 - Buehler, Greenlick, Hayden, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Nosse, Weidner

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Prepared By: Sandy Thiele-Cirka, Committee Administrator**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Restructures the framework for conducting public health activities and duties in the state and for how public health services are provided to Oregonians. Provides mechanisms by which local health departments may implement provisions of the bill separately and at varying times. Modifies terminology and funding distributions. Becomes operative January 1, 2016. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Public health system transformation is a work in progress
- Task Force (HB 2348, 2013) work plan, report and final recommendations
- Public health and public safety relationship for communities
- Emerging public health issues
- System needs to be flexible and driven by community needs
- Proposed amendments

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Replaces original measure.

BACKGROUND:

In 2013 the Legislative Assembly passed House Bill 2348 which created the Task Force on the Future of Public Health Services (Task Force). The bill directed the Task Force to:

- Create a public health system for the future;
- Explore the creation of regional structures to provide public health services that are consistent with the distribution of population and established patterns of delivery of health care services;
- Enhance efficiency and effectiveness in the provision of public health services;
- Allow for appropriate partnerships with regional health care services providers and community organizations;
- Consider cultural and historical appropriateness; and
- Are supported by best practices.

The Task Force released the final report in September 2014.