

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 06/16/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 06/16

Vote:

House

Yeas: 11 - Buckley, Gomberg, Huffman, Komp, McLane, Nathanson, Rayfield, Read, Smith, Whisnant, Williamson

Nays: 1 - Whitsett

Senate

Yeas: 10 - Burdick, Devlin, Hansell, Johnson, Monroe, Roblan, Shields, Steiner Hayward, Whitsett, Winters

Nays: 1 - Thomsen

Exc: 1 - Girod

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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:

- Fiscal impact

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2013, the Legislative Assembly passed House Bill 2348 which created the Task Force on the Future of Public Health Services. 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.