

SB 41 -A2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Business and Labor

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Clarifies that Employment Department (Department) may disclose information in Department records to public universities, Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) and the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS). Authorizes Department to disclose to any person establishment level information secured from public universities and OHSU. Updates citation to federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. Updates administrative duties and authorities of Department Director concerning workforce and labor data analysis. Clarifies home care workers are not state employees for purposes of workforce and labor market information. Repeals Occupational Program Planning System.

- No expenditure impacts; No revenue impacts
- Senate vote 25-5

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Process for developing proposed changes contained in measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-A2 Resolves conflicts with HB 2312.

BACKGROUND:

The Workforce and Economic Research Division of the Employment Department (Department) provides contractual services to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries, and other workforce-related agencies to provide information about the performance of their programs. The Department also provides information to the public through presentations, publications and reports, its website, and responses to individual requests.

Senate Bill 41-A updates the statutes governing the Department's workforce and labor data analysis responsibilities. It clarifies that the Department may share certain confidential information with government entities, including Oregon public universities and the Oregon Health and Science University. It also clarifies that home care workers are not state employees for purposes of workforce and labor market information, and that the current data-sharing partnership between the Employment Department and the Public Employees Retirement System remains in place. Senate Bill 41-A also repeals the Occupational Program Planning System.