

HB 2310 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies provisions regarding schedule by which local public health authorities must submit local plans for applying foundational public health capabilities and implementing foundational public health programs. Outlines the method Oregon Health Authority (OHA) will incorporate for funding distribution to the local public health authorities. Specifies that funding will be incremental. Specifies that if funding is not provided by the Legislative Assembly, then the Oregon Health Authority or the local public health authorities are not expected to provide funds. Clarifies that OHA will develop rules to ensure that if a local public health authority relinquishes to the state, then the process will be minimally disruptive to the clients. Directs Oregon Public Health Advisory Board to establish accountability metrics for purpose of evaluating progress in achieving statewide public health goals. Establishes process by which governing body of county may transfer to state the duties of the county with respect to public health laws of state. Becomes operative January 1, 2018. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fiscal impact
- Timing of funding

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Removes requirement for implementation of specific parts of statute. Removes authorization for OHA to establish fees for data requests.

BACKGROUND:

In 2015, the Legislative Assembly passed HB 3100 which established foundational public health capabilities and programs to detect and prevent infectious diseases, protect the public from exposure to environmental hazards and respond to natural and man-made disasters in Oregon's communities.

The public health system modernizing efforts have three priorities: expanding outreach through collective action with health care and other partners; addressing health priorities using the foundational capabilities; and demonstrating the impact of public health through accurate metrics and evaluation.