

HB 2673 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Nosse

House Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 03/06/17

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 6-3-0-0

Yeas: 6 - Alonso Leon, Buehler, Greenlick, Keny-Guyer, Malstrom, Nosse

Nays: 3 - Hack, Hayden, Kennemer

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Provides for an alternative process for persons to change name and gender on a vital record. Eliminates the requirement for courts to publicly post court orders on name and gender changes. Becomes operative January 1, 2018. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Barriers to current process of updating birth certificate
- Personal experiences with navigating the system
- Importance of updating identification documents
- Proposed amendment

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Specifies that legal application may be heard and determined by any circuit court in the state. Allows for a person to request to have the records sealed. Specifies operative date of January 1, 2018.

BACKGROUND:

To update a birth certificate a transgender person must currently go through a court to request a legal name or gender marker amendment and then take the court order to the Oregon Health Authority's Vital Records Department. The court process can be inconsistent from county to county and can be costly and difficult to navigate.

House Bill 2673-A creates a centralized process to change a name and gender marker on a birth certificate and updates public posting requirements.