

## **SB 215 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **Senate Committee On Judiciary**

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**Action Date:** 04/13/17

**Action:** Do pass with amendments and requesting referral to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Engrossed.)

**Vote:** 3-2-0-0

**Yeas:** 3 - Dembrow, Manning Jr, Prozanski

**Nays:** 2 - Linthicum, Thatcher

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Directs Oregon Health Authority to establish and operate statewide database for collection and dissemination of orders for rare disease emergency response (ORDER) medical treatment for purpose of ensuring safe treatment. Creates Oregon ORDER Database Advisory Committee. Defines key terms.

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Database would be voluntary
- How medical providers would be alerted to check the database

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

Allows Oregon Health Authority to use existing electronic database that emergency departments use to exchange information.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Senate Bill 215-A directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to create and operate a statewide database for the collection and dissemination of orders for rare disease emergency response medical treatment in order to ensure the safe treatment of individuals with rare diseases in emergency situations. It directs OHA to adopt rules for the submission of certain information into the database, such as ORDERS. ORDER is defined as an order for rare disease emergency response medical treatment that is necessary to treat a rare disease and has been signed by a physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant. SB 215-A defines other key terms. The database is for use by emergency medical service providers, hospitals, urgent care centers and the State Police. SB 215-A allows a patient to opt out of the database. It also specifies that OHA is not required to prescribe, disseminate, educate or train health care professionals about ORDERS. SB 215-A provides for confidentiality of information in the database and immunity from civil and criminal liability for persons reporting to, or acting in good faith releasing information from, the database. Finally, SB 215-A creates the Oregon ORDER Database Advisory Committee within OHA and allows OHA to use an existing electronic database. It specifies membership and term length of the committee.