

## HB 2402 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Health Care

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**Action Date:** 04/12/17

**Action:** Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng.)

**Vote:** 9-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 9 - Alonso Leon, Buehler, Greenlick, Hack, Hayden, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Malstrom, Nosse

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** Has minimal revenue impact

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to establish a grant program for homeless individuals to obtain a free birth certificate. Specifies the criteria and administration of the grant program that OHA must follow. Aligns the definition of homeless individual with the federal definition of homeless individual (42 U.S.C. 11302). Creates the Free Birth Certificate for Homeless Persons Fund within the State Treasury. Appropriates \$50,000 to the Fund. Makes the grant program operative on or before July 1, 2018. Makes effective date of the Act on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Existing barriers for homeless individuals
- Current groups offering this assistance to homeless individuals
- Current homeless providers paying the fees
- Children and adults are included
- Center for Health Statistics is supported by fees
- Proposed amendments
- Concerns with fiscal impact statement

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

#### BACKGROUND:

The Springfield Catholic Community Services operates a free birth certificate program once every month. On this day they work to provide free birth certificates to homeless individuals. Currently, their budget allows them to provide free birth certificates to about the first eight individuals that show up. The Catholic Community Services have described how homeless individuals need an identification card (ID) to receive a job or prescription medication, but they need a birth certificate to obtain the ID.

House Bill 2402-A creates a statewide free birth certificate for homeless individuals program.