

HB 2310 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 04/17/17

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: No revenue impact

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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. Specifies implementation for phasing in foundational capabilities and 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. Authorizes OHA to establish fees for providing public health data for public health purposes. Becomes operative January 1, 2018. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Phase I of the implementation of public health modernization
- Public Health Advisory Board recommendations
- Importance of adequate public health infrastructure
- Future work and expectations of public health in Oregon
- Current and future demands on the system
- Proposed amendments

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

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BACKGROUND:

In 2015, the Legislative Assembly passed House Bill 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

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the impact of public health through accurate metrics and evaluation.