SB 41 A   STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Higher Education and Workforce Development

Action Date:	04/25/17
Action:	Without recommendation as to passage and be referred to Business and Labor.
Vote:	7-0-2-0
Yeas:	7 - Bynum, Clem, Johnson, Reardon, Reschke, Sollman, Whisnant
Exc:	2 - Alonso Leon, Heard
Fiscal:	No fiscal impact
Revenue:	No revenue impact
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Clarifies that Oregon Employment Department (OED) may disclose information in OED records to public universities and Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) to extent necessary to carry out government planning, performance measurement, program, socioeconomic or policy analysis functions. Clarifies disclosed information is confidential and may not be disclosed by public universities in manner that would identify individuals, claimants, employees or employing units. Authorizes OED to disclose establishment level information secured from public universities and OHSU to any person. Updates references to federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. Updates administrative duties and authorities of OED Director concerning workforce and labor data analysis. Clarifies home care workers are not state employees for purposes of workforce and labor market information. Repeals Occupational Program Planning System. Deletes provisions related to discontinued Shared Information System.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:
- Rationale for sending bill to House Committee on Business and Labor

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Workforce and Economic Research Division of the Oregon Employment Department (OED) provides contractual services to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries and other workforce-related agencies to provide information about the performance of their programs. OED also provides information to the public through presentations, publications and reports, its website and responses to individual requests.