

LC 68 (6/18/20) STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Department of Consumer and Business Services to adopt a temporary rule by August 1, 2020, for an emergency temporary infectious disease standard to address immediate health risk posed by occupational exposure and impose measures to protect workers against such exposure. Requires Department to adopt permanent infectious disease standard by July 31, 2021.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

Within the Department of Consumer and Business Services, the Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Division (Oregon-OSHA) enforces occupational safety and health regulations in workplaces. Oregon-OSHA operates under an agreement with the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). The federal OSHA has been working on an infectious disease standard since 2010 in the aftermath of the H1N1 pandemic. Development of the standard is currently on the long-term portion of the U.S. Department of Labor's regulatory agenda.