

**HB 2842 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Judiciary**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires Center for Health Statistics to enter the name of each parent on an original record of live birth upon opening of sealed record of live birth, determination of paternity or parentage, and request of person.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

ORS 432.245 provides guidance on amending records of live birth. In adoption proceedings, the State Registrar of the Center for Health Statistics may replace a record of live birth and substitute it for the original. The original and all evidence submitted with the request or court order for replacement is then placed under seal and is not subject to inspection. ORS 432.250 allows unsealing of the record only upon court order or when requested by an agency operating a voluntary adoption registry.

House Bill 2842 requires the Center for Health Statistics to enter the name of each parent on an original record of live birth upon request of the individual, if the parents are determined by a court or by administrative division and the original record was sealed but later unsealed.