

HB 2375 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Smith DB

House Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 04/04/19

Action: Do pass with amendments and rescind subsequent referral to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 9-0-2-0

Yeas: 9 - Alonso Leon, Boles, Drazan, Greenlick, Hayden, Noble, Nosse, Prusak, Salinas

Exc: 2 - Keny-Guyer, Mitchell

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Adds a sexual assault nurse examiner or a representative of a hospital to a sexual assault response team in each county.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Strengthen assistance and support for sexual assault victims
- Clearing of backlog for testing rape kits in Oregon
- Sexual assault response teams; representation of hospital-based provider on the team
- Requirement for all Oregon counties to have a sexual assault response team
- Oregon Attorney General’s Sexual Assault Task Force
- Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Program, its training programs, local technical assistance, and scholarships

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

In Oregon, district attorneys of each county are required to organize a sexual assault response team (SART), which must meet quarterly, and have protocols in place to address sexual assault response. The SARTs must consist of a representative of a prosecution-based victim assistance program, a sexual assault forensic examiner, a representative of the county sheriff’s office or local law enforcement, and a nonprofit agency that receives public funding and offers support services to victims of sexual assault.

Currently, certain types of health care facilities are required to have policies for treating sexual assault patients that include performing forensic medical examinations or employing or contracting with a sexual assault forensic examiner who is certified by the Oregon Sex Assault Examiner Certification Commission. In 2011, the Legislative Assembly enacted Senate Bill 557 to standardize sexual assault investigation and treatment protocols across Oregon’s 36 counties.

House Bill 2375-A modifies the membership of county sexual assault response teams in Oregon.