

SB 700 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes Oregon Brain Injury Trust Fund Board (Board) within the Department of Human Services and specifies membership. Establishes the Oregon Brain Injury Trust Fund to provide services to individuals with brain injuries and to support research and education to increase awareness and understanding of issues and needs related to brain injuries. Requires Board to prioritize research related to traumatic brain injuries in awarding grants. Requires Board to report to the Legislative Assembly by September 1 of each year on expenditures, individuals receiving services, education information provided, and research grants awarded. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces measure. Changes names to Oregon Brain Injury Board and Oregon Brain Injury Fund.

BACKGROUND:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention defines traumatic brain injury (TBI) as a disruption in the normal function of the brain that can be caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head, or penetrating head injury. From 2006 to 2014, the number of TBI-related emergency department visits, hospitalizations, and deaths increased by 53 percent. People who survive a TBI can face effects that last a few days, or the rest of their lives; effects can include impairments related to thinking or memory, movement, sensation (e.g., vision or hearing), or emotional functioning (e.g., personality changes, depression). These issues not only affect the person who experienced the TBI, but also can have lasting effects on families and communities. Many states have established Resource Facilitation programs that help individuals with TBI and and their family members identify and navigate brain injury resources, services, and supports.

Senate Bill 700 establishes the the Oregon Brain Injury Trust Fund to provide services to individuals with brain injuries and to support research and education to increase awareness of issues and needs related to brain injuries.