

HB 3039 -4 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services

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Meeting Dates: 2/24, 3/24, 4/7

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Oregon Health Authority to convene group/s of stakeholders and experts (the groups) to explore options, costs, logistics, legislative changes, funding avenues, barriers, data, and impacts of a statewide social services delivery system and health information exchange system.

Directs the Oregon Health Authority to report the findings of the group/s to the to the Legislative Assembly, specifies reporting deadlines.

Sunsets January 2, 2023. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Adding public services to health care requires considerations to ensure cyber security
- Domestic violence service providers need to be considered by the stakeholder group/s
- Confidential services should be provided if patients require them
- Ensuring smaller, less technologically capable organizations can access the system

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-4 Defines "community information exchange". Directs the Health Information Technology Oversight Council to convene groups/s of stakeholders and experts, specifies group/s membership. Tasks the group/s to explore options for: adoption, federal funding, financial incentives, access barriers, data reporting, and legislative changes for statewide coordination of social services and health care delivery.

BACKGROUND:

An electronic health record (EHR) is a digital version of a patient's paper chart. EHRs are real-time, patient-centered records that make information available instantly and securely to authorized users. An EHR contains a patient's medical history, diagnoses, medications, treatment plans, immunization dates, allergies, radiology images, and laboratory and test results. EHR systems enable health information to be created and managed by authorized providers in a digital format capable of being shared with other providers across more than one health care organization. The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology reports that EHR systems can decrease the fragmentation of care by improving care coordination.

House Bill 3039 directs the Oregon Health Authority to convene groups of stakeholders and experts that will explore how the state can coordinate and integrate the delivery of social services as well as health care using EHR systems.