

HB 3039 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services

Action Date: 04/07/21

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Yeas: 7 - Leif, Noble, Owens, Ruiz, Sanchez, Schouten, Williams

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Health Information Technology Oversight Council to convene a group or groups of stakeholders and experts, and specifies membership. Directs 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. Requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to report to the Legislative Assembly by January 31, 2023. Sunsets February 28, 2023. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- How adding public services to health care may require consideration to ensure cyber security
- Domestic violence service providers that need to be considered by stakeholder group(s)
- Confidential services that should be provided if patients require them
- How to ensure smaller, less technologically capable organizations can access the system
- Financial impacts and return of investment
- Cybersecurity generally

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Directs the Health Information Technology Oversight Council to convene group(s) of stakeholders and experts and specifies membership. Tasks 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 intended to be real-time, patient-centered records that make information available instantly and securely to authorized users. An EHR contains highly sensitive, protected information that may include a patient's medical history, diagnoses, medications, treatment plans, immunization dates, allergies, radiology images, and laboratory and test results. EHR systems are intended to 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 A directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to convene group(s) of stakeholders and experts who will explore how the state can coordinate and integrate the delivery of social services as well as health care using EHR systems.