

SB 850 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Campos

House Committee On Housing

Action Date: 05/25/21

Action: Do Pass the A-Eng bill.

Vote: 8-0-0-0

Yeas: 8 - Campos, Fahey, Marsh, Meek, Morgan, Neron, Weber, Zika

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 5/18, 5/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires that report of death for decedent who was homeless at time of death indicate that the decedent's residence address was "Domicile Unknown."

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Multnomah County is only county that reports on death of homeless individuals, via Domicile Unknown Report established in 2011
- Data collection that informs understanding of leading causes of death among homeless individuals
- Lower life expectancy and chronic, untreated physical and mental health issues among homeless individuals
- Coordination of information with death certificates or vital records
- Parties responsible for tracking a person's housing status at the time of death

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon law requires a report of death to be completed for all deaths. Oregon Health Authority's Center for Health Statistics registers deaths that occur; it also collects information on deaths of Oregon residents occurring out-of-state through an interstate exchange agreement.

Senate Bill 850 A requires that a report of death for a homeless decedent to indicate the decedent's residence address as "Domicile Unknown."