

HB 4150 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Dexter

House Committee On Human Services

Action Date: 02/08/22

Action: Do Pass.

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Yeas: 7 - Nelson, Noble, Owens, Ruiz, Scharf, Schouten, Williams

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/1, 2/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Health Information Technology Oversight Council to convene stakeholders to explore statewide community information exchanges with a final report due on January 31, 2023. Sunsets February 28, 2023. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- School records acquisition and implementation software system
- Protected data, federal HIPAA and FERPA laws
- Liability for data breaches
- Work group representation and inclusiveness

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

A community information exchange (CIE) is a network of health care and human/social service partners using a technology platform that allows authorized access to things like a shared resource directory, “closed loop” referrals, reporting, social needs screening, and other features designed to connect people to multiple social services and supports efficiently. Use of CIEs in Oregon has largely been driven by health care transformation, with coordinated care organizations and health plans investing and participating in CIEs to assist with the coordination of care across systems. COVID-19 increased the need, and accelerated use of CIEs throughout the state. Communities, community-based organizations, clinics, and local public health authorities have also participated.

The Health Information Technology Oversight Council is an advisory body within the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) that develops statewide planning and oversees implementation of technology concerned with health information and health records. It currently coordinates efforts to develop an electronic health information exchange statewide.

House Bill 4150 directs the Health Information Technology Oversight Council to convene stakeholders to study and make recommendations on a statewide community information exchange to coordinate health care and social services across delivery systems.