

HB 4150 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Sollman

Senate Committee On Human Services, Mental Health and Recovery

Action Date: 02/17/22

Action: Do pass.

Vote: 4-0-1-0

Yeas: 4 - Gelser Blouin, Kennemer, Lieber, Sollman

Exc: 1 - Robinson

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/17

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Health Information Technology Oversight Council within the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to convene stakeholders and experts to explore implementation of statewide community information exchanges (CIEs) as specified. Requires draft and final reports to the legislature by September 15, 2022 and January 31, 2023, respectively. Sunsets February 28, 2023. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Tapping into the Health Information Technology Oversight Council's existing priorities and ongoing work

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

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.

A community information exchange (CIE) is a network of health care and human/social service partners using a digital 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 supports and social services 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 order to facilitate the coordination of care across systems. COVID-19 exacerbated the need for services across the board, and accelerated use of CIEs throughout the state. Communities, community-based organizations, clinics, and local public health authorities have also participated.

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