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Open Government Impact Statement

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Measure: HB 2526

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SUMMARY

Directs Oregon Health Authority to establish toll-free pregnancy resources hotline to provide information and assistance to pregnant persons seeking abortions in this state.

Defines "medical emergency" for purposes of determining when abortion is medically necessary.

Prohibits performance of abortion unless pregnant person consulted with pregnancy resources hotline at least 48 hours prior to procedure. Creates exception.

Directs authority to conduct annual records audits to ensure compliance with provisions of Act. Creates penalty for noncompliance of \$5,000 for each separate violation.

Exempts specified records and information from public disclosure. Creates exceptions.

OPEN GOVERNMENT IMPACT

Legislative Counsel has not adopted standards for drafting measures that establish exemptions from disclosure of public records.

This measure exempts from public disclosure records of the pregnancy resource hotline and records of individuals providing abortion services related to the pregnant person's consultation with the pregnancy resource hotline that relate to the name or personal information of an individual who contacts the hotline or receives abortion services, including the date of contact or service, the type of contact or service and any referrals arising out of the contact or service, and any contact or personal information of a family member of the individual or the name or personal information of any owner, agent, employee or volunteer of an organization providing services through the pregnancy resource hotline.

If those public records that could be subject to public disclosure were instead subject to mandatory disclosure under public records law, the public could learn additional information regarding individuals who contact the pregnancy resource hotline, receive a consultation through the hotline or provide services through the hotline.