

SB 1523 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Gelser Blouin

Senate Committee On Human Services

Action Date: 02/07/24

Action: Do pass.

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Gelser Blouin, Manning Jr, Prozanski, Robinson, Weber

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/7

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure allows a person age 21 or older to request to change or add a biological parent's name on their original birth record by filling out an application to the Center of Health Statistics, without needing to go through a court process.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon State Registrar of the Center for Health Statistics amends or replaces records of live births when it receives an adoption report, to establish the parentage or biological paternity of a person, and when changing a person's gender or name ([ORS 432.245](#)). These can be opened only with a court order or a request from a voluntary adoption registry-operating agency ([ORS 432.250](#)). In 2023, Oregon Legislature passed [Senate Bill 573](#), which allows a person to request to add their biological parent's name to their birth record when parentage is determined by DNA testing.