

HB 4003-2
(LC 252)
2/8/24 (JLM/ps)

Requested by Representative WALLAN

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 4003**

1 In line 2 of the printed bill, after the semicolon delete the rest of the line
2 and insert “and declaring an emergency.”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 11 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Department of State Police shall study the**
5 **causes of and ways to address the shortage of medical examiners**
6 **within this state. The results of the study must include:**

7 **“(a) A plan to strengthen, supplement and make operational the**
8 **recommendations from the Medical Examiner Improvement in Oregon**
9 **work group;**

10 **“(b) A determination of how to ensure that counties are provided**
11 **with stabilized and sustainable funding for medical examiner services**
12 **that the state requires counties to provide;**

13 **“(c) An analysis of the development of new forensic pathology slots**
14 **through the Oregon Health and Science University;**

15 **“(d) A determination of how to ensure that Oregon is following best**
16 **national and regional practices in a timely manner, including an**
17 **analysis of laws and legislation from other states;**

18 **“(e) An analysis of the potential utilization of the Conrad 30 waiver**
19 **program for J-1 foreign medical graduates; and**

20 **“(f) A determination of how to best meet regional medical examiner**
21 **needs across this state.**

1 “(2) In conducting the study described in subsection (1) of this sec-
2 tion, the department:

3 “(a) Shall consult with all counties to ensure that any plan devel-
4 oped pursuant to the study does not interfere with a well-functioning
5 medical examiner program that currently exists within any county;

6 “(b) Shall consult with district attorneys, public health providers,
7 the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police, the Oregon State Sheriffs’
8 Association, medical-legal death investigators, national medical ex-
9 aminer accrediting organizations and federally recognized tribal gov-
10 ernments within this state and at least one member of the public who
11 has been affected by the medical examiner shortage;

12 “(c) Shall consult with the Oregon Health Authority concerning the
13 potential utilization of the Conrad 30 waiver program and any other
14 part of the study the department determines to be appropriate; and

15 “(d) Shall consult with members of the Legislative Assembly serv-
16 ing on the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to
17 the judiciary and health care and members of the Legislative Assembly
18 serving on the interim subcommittee of the Joint Committee on Ways
19 and Means related to public safety.

20 “(3) No later than October 1, 2024, the department shall provide the
21 results of the study, including any recommended legislative changes,
22 in a report to the appropriate interim committees of the Legislative
23 Assembly, in the manner provided under ORS 192.245.

24 “SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2024 Act is repealed on January 2,
25 2025.

26 “SECTION 3. This 2024 Act being necessary for the immediate
27 preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is
28 declared to exist, and this 2024 Act takes effect on its passage.”.

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