

Requested by Senator PATTERSON

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 841**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 5 through 25 and delete pages
2 2 through 6 and insert:

3 **SECTION 1.** ORS 433.001 is amended to read:

4 “433.001. As used in ORS 433.001 to 433.045 and 433.110 to 433.770 unless
5 the context requires otherwise:

6 “(1) ‘Communicable disease’ has the meaning given that term in ORS
7 431A.005.

8 “(2) ‘Control’ means a person without a reportable disease about whom
9 information is collected for purposes of comparison to a person or persons
10 with the reportable disease.

11 “(3) ‘Disease outbreak’ has the meaning given that term in ORS 431A.005.

12 “(4) ‘Epidemic’ has the meaning given that term in ORS 431A.005.

13 “(5) ‘Health care provider’ has the meaning given that term in ORS
14 433.443.

15 “(6) ‘Individually identifiable health information’ has the meaning given
16 that term in ORS 433.443.

17 “(7) ‘Isolation’ means the physical separation and confinement of a person
18 or group of persons who are infected or reasonably believed to be infected
19 with a communicable disease or possibly communicable disease from noniso-
20 lated persons to prevent or limit the transmission of the disease to noniso-
21 lated persons.

1 “(8) ‘Local public health administrator’ has the meaning given that term
2 in ORS 431.003.

3 “(9) ‘Property’ means animals, inanimate objects, vessels, public
4 conveyances, buildings and all other real or personal property.

5 “(10) ‘Public health measure’ has the meaning given that term in ORS
6 431A.005.

7 “(11) ‘Quarantine’ means the physical separation and confinement of a
8 person or group of persons who have been or may have been exposed to a
9 communicable disease or possibly communicable disease and who do not
10 show signs or symptoms of a communicable disease, from persons who have
11 not been exposed to a communicable disease or possibly communicable dis-
12 ease, to prevent or limit the transmission of the disease to other persons.

13 “(12) ‘Reportable disease’ has the meaning given that term in ORS
14 431A.005.

15 “(13) ‘Simultaneous electronic transmission’ means transmission by tele-
16 vision, telephone or any other electronic or digital means if the form of
17 transmission allows:

18 “(a) The court and the person making the appearance to communicate
19 with each other during the proceeding; and

20 “(b) A person who is represented by legal counsel to consult privately
21 with the person’s attorney during the proceeding.

22 “(14) ‘Toxic substance’ has the meaning given that term in ORS 431A.005.

23 “(15) **‘Tribal epidemiology center’ means any tribal epidemiology**
24 **center in this state operating under 25 U.S.C. 1621m for the benefit of**
25 **any tribe.**

26 “(16) **‘Tribe’ means any of the nine federally recognized Indian**
27 **tribes in this state.**

28 “**SECTION 2.** ORS 433.004 is amended to read:

29 “433.004. (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall by rule:

30 “(a) Specify reportable diseases and when the diseases must be reported

1 under this section;

2 “(b) Identify those categories of persons who must report reportable dis-
3 eases and the circumstances under which the reports must be made;

4 “(c) Prescribe the procedures and forms for making such reports and
5 transmitting the reports to the authority; and

6 “(d) Prescribe measures and methods for investigating the source and
7 controlling reportable diseases.

8 “(2) Persons required under the rules to report reportable diseases shall
9 report to the authority [*or*], the local public health administrator, **a tribe**
10 **or a tribal epidemiology center, upon entering an agreement under**
11 **subsection (7) of this section**, as specified by the authority by rule. A local
12 public health administrator, **tribe or tribal epidemiology center** that re-
13 ceives a report under this subsection shall transmit the report to the au-
14 thority as specified by the authority by rule.

15 “(3) The authority [*or*], local public health administrator, **tribe or tribal**
16 **epidemiology center, upon entering an agreement under subsection (7)**
17 **of this section**, may investigate a case of a reportable disease, disease out-
18 break or epidemic. The investigation may include, but is not limited to:

19 “(a) Interviews of:

20 “(A) The subject of a reportable disease report;

21 “(B) Controls;

22 “(C) Health care providers; or

23 “(D) Employees of a health care facility.

24 “(b) Requiring a health care provider, any public or private entity, or an
25 individual who has information necessary for the investigation to:

26 “(A) Permit inspection of the information by the authority [*or*], local
27 public health administrator, **tribe or tribal epidemiology center**; and

28 “(B) Release the information to the authority [*or*], local public health
29 administrator, **tribe or tribal epidemiology center**.

30 “(c) Inspection, sampling and testing of real or personal property with

1 consent of the owner or custodian of the property or with an administrative
2 warrant.

3 “(4)(a) The authority shall establish by rule the manner in which infor-
4 mation may be requested and obtained under subsection (3) of this section.

5 “(b) Information requested may include, but is not limited to, individually
6 identifiable health information related to:

7 “(A) The case;

8 “(B) An individual who may be the potential source of exposure or in-
9 fection;

10 “(C) An individual who has been or may have been exposed to or affected
11 by the disease;

12 “(D) Policies, practices, systems or structures that may have affected the
13 likelihood of disease transmission; and

14 “(E) Factors that may influence an individual’s susceptibility to the dis-
15 ease or likelihood of being diagnosed with the disease.

16 “(5) In addition to other grounds for which a state agency may exercise
17 disciplinary action against its licensees or certificate holders, the substantial
18 or repeated failure of a licensee or certificate holder to report when required
19 to do so under subsection (2) or (3) of this section shall be cause for the
20 exercise of any of the agency’s disciplinary powers.

21 “(6) Any person making a report or providing information under this
22 section is immune from any civil or criminal liability that might otherwise
23 be incurred or imposed with respect to the making of a report or providing
24 information under this section.

25 **“(7) The authority may enter into an agreement under ORS 190.110**
26 **with a tribe or tribal epidemiology center for the purpose of receiving**
27 **reports of reportable diseases under subsection (2) of this section and**
28 **investigating cases of reportable diseases under subsection (3) of this**
29 **section. If a tribe or tribal epidemiology center enters into an agree-**
30 **ment, the tribe or tribal epidemiology center shall carry out sub-**

1 **sections (2) and (3) of this section.**

2 **“SECTION 3.** ORS 433.006 is amended to read:

3 “433.006. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) **or (3)** of this section, in
4 response to each report of a reportable disease, the local public health ad-
5 ministrator shall ensure that investigations and control measures, as pre-
6 scribed by Oregon Health Authority rule, are conducted.

7 “(2) If there has been a transfer of responsibility from a local public
8 health authority to the Oregon Health Authority under ORS 431.382, the
9 Oregon Health Authority shall ensure that investigations and control meas-
10 ures are conducted, as funding allows, pursuant to rules adopted by the
11 Oregon Health Authority.

12 **“(3) If the Oregon Health Authority enters into an agreement with**
13 **a tribe or tribal epidemiology center under ORS 433.004, the tribe or**
14 **tribal epidemiology center shall ensure that investigations and control**
15 **measures are conducted pursuant to the agreement.**

16 **“SECTION 4.** ORS 433.008 is amended to read:

17 “433.008. (1)(a) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, infor-
18 mation obtained by the Oregon Health Authority [*or*], a local public health
19 administrator, **a tribe or a tribal epidemiology center** in the course of an
20 investigation of a reportable disease or disease outbreak is confidential and
21 is exempt from disclosure under ORS 192.311 to 192.478.

22 “(b) Except as required for the administration or enforcement of public
23 health laws or rules, a state or local public health official or employee **or**
24 **an official or employee of a tribe or a tribal epidemiology center** may
25 not be examined in an administrative or judicial proceeding about the ex-
26 istence or contents of a reportable disease report or other information re-
27 ceived by the authority [*or*], **a local public health administrator, a tribe or**
28 **a tribal epidemiology center** in the course of an investigation of a report-
29 able disease or disease outbreak.

30 “(2) The authority [*or*], a local public health administrator, **a tribe or a**

1 **tribal epidemiology center** may release information obtained during an
2 investigation of a reportable disease or disease outbreak to:

3 “(a) State, local [*or*], federal **or tribal** agencies authorized to receive the
4 information under state or federal law;

5 “(b) Health care providers if necessary for the evaluation or treatment
6 of a reportable disease;

7 “(c) Law enforcement officials to the extent necessary to carry out the
8 authority granted to the Public Health Director and local public health ad-
9 ministrators under ORS 433.121, 433.128, 433.131, 433.138 and 433.142;

10 “(d) A person who may have been exposed to a communicable disease;

11 “(e) A person with information necessary to assist the authority [*or*], lo-
12 cal public health administrator, **a tribe or a tribal epidemiology center**
13 in identifying an individual who may have been exposed to a communicable
14 disease; and

15 “(f) The individual who is the subject of the information or the legal
16 representative of that individual.

17 “(3) The authority [*or*], local public health administrator, **tribe or tribal**
18 **epidemiology center** may release individually identifiable information un-
19 der subsection (2)(d) or (e) of this section only if there is clear and con-
20 vincing evidence that the release is necessary to avoid an immediate danger
21 to other individuals or to the public.

22 “(4) The authority [*or*], local public health administrator, **tribe or tribal**
23 **epidemiology center** may release only the minimum amount of information
24 necessary to carry out the purpose of the release pursuant to subsection (2)
25 of this section.

26 “(5) A decision not to disclose information under this subsection, if made
27 in good faith, shall not subject the entity or person withholding the infor-
28 mation to any liability.

29 “(6) Nothing in this section:

30 “(a) Prevents the authority [*or*], a local public health administrator, **a**

1 **tribe or a tribal epidemiology center** from publishing statistical compila-
2 tions and reports relating to reportable disease investigations if the compi-
3 lations and reports do not identify individual cases or sources of information;

4 “(b) Affects the confidentiality or admissibility into evidence of informa-
5 tion not otherwise confidential or privileged that is obtained from sources
6 other than the authority; or

7 “(c) Prevents dispositions of information pursuant to ORS 192.105.

8 **“SECTION 5.** ORS 431A.850, as amended by section 3, chapter 438,
9 Oregon Laws 2023, is amended to read:

10 “431A.850. As used in ORS 431A.855 to 431A.900:

11 “(1) ‘Dental director’ means a dentist, as defined in ORS 679.010, employed
12 by a coordinated care organization, dental clinic or office, or a system of
13 dental clinics or offices, for the purpose of overseeing the operations of the
14 dental clinic or office, or the system of dental clinics or offices, and ensuring
15 the delivery of quality dental care within the clinic, office or system.

16 “(2) ‘Dispense’ and ‘dispensing’ have the meanings given those terms in
17 ORS 689.005.

18 “(3) ‘Drug outlet’ has the meaning given that term in ORS 689.005.

19 “(4) ‘Health professional regulatory board’ means a health professional
20 regulatory board, as defined in ORS 676.160, the Long Term Care Adminis-
21 trators Board, the Board of Licensed Dietitians and the Behavior Analysis
22 Regulatory Board.

23 “(5) ‘Medical director’ means a physician employed by a coordinated care
24 organization, hospital, health care clinic or system of hospitals or health
25 care clinics for the purposes of overseeing the operations of the coordinated
26 care organization, hospital, clinic or system and ensuring the delivery of
27 quality health care within the coordinated care organization, hospital, clinic
28 or system.

29 “(6) ‘Patient’ means:

30 “(a) The individual to whom the prescription drug is prescribed; or

1 “(b) If the prescription drug is prescribed by a veterinarian for an animal,
2 the individual to whom the prescription drug is dispensed on behalf of the
3 animal.

4 “(7) ‘Pharmacist’ means:

5 “(a) A pharmacist as defined in ORS 689.005; or

6 “(b) An individual licensed to practice pharmacy in another state, if the
7 requirements for licensure are similar, as determined by the Oregon Health
8 Authority, to the requirements for being licensed as a pharmacist as defined
9 in ORS 689.005.

10 “(8) ‘Pharmacy director’ means a pharmacist employed by a coordinated
11 care organization, pharmacy or system of pharmacies for the purposes of
12 overseeing the operations of the coordinated care organization, pharmacy or
13 system and ensuring the delivery of quality pharmaceutical care within the
14 coordinated care organization, pharmacy or system.

15 “(9) ‘Practitioner’ means:

16 “(a) A practitioner as defined in ORS 689.005; or

17 “(b) An individual licensed to practice a profession in another state, if the
18 requirements for licensure are similar, as determined by the authority, to the
19 requirements for being licensed as a practitioner as defined in ORS 689.005.

20 “(10) ‘Prescription’ has the meaning given that term in ORS 475.005.

21 “(11) ‘Prescription drug’ has the meaning given that term in ORS 689.005.

22 “(12) **‘Tribal epidemiology center’ means any tribal epidemiology**
23 **center in this state operating under 25 U.S.C. 1621m for the benefit of**
24 **any of tribe.**

25 “(13) **‘Tribe’ means any of the nine federally recognized Indian**
26 **tribes in this state.**

27 “[~~(12)~~] (14) ‘Veterinarian’ means a person licensed to practice veterinary
28 medicine under ORS chapter 686.

29 **“SECTION 6.** ORS 431A.869 is amended to read:

30 “431A.869. (1) The Oregon Health Authority may enter into agreements

1 *[governing the sharing and use of information described in ORS 431A.860*
2 *(1)]* with the authorities of other states that administer prescription moni-
3 toring programs **to share and use information described in ORS 431A.860**
4 **(1)**. An agreement entered into under this section must adhere to the dis-
5 closure limitations listed under ORS 431A.865 (3). An agreement entered into
6 under this section may:

7 “*[(1)]* **(a)** Provide for the transmission of information between electronic
8 systems, provided that any electronic system to which the Oregon Health
9 Authority transmits information meets the confidentiality, security and pri-
10 vacy standards adopted by the authority under ORS 431A.855; or

11 “*[(2)]* **(b)** Provide for the transmission of information to practitioners or
12 pharmacists licensed to practice in another state.

13 **“(2) The Oregon Health Authority may enter into an agreement**
14 **with a tribe or a tribal epidemiology center to share and use infor-**
15 **mation described in ORS 431A.860 (1) for the purpose of:**

16 **“(a) Aiding the tribe or tribal epidemiology center in identifying**
17 **patients that are affiliated with the tribe or tribal epidemiology center**
18 **in the electronic system; or**

19 **“(b) Transmitting aggregated data on tribal affiliation of patients**
20 **to the tribe or the tribal epidemiology center.**

21 **“(3) An agreement entered into under subsection (2) of this section:**

22 **“(a) Must permit only the minimum transmission of information**
23 **necessary to fulfill the intended purpose; and**

24 **“(b) May apply subsection (1)(a) of this section to the transmission**
25 **of information between electronic systems.”.**

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