75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2009 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY House Committee on Health Care

MEASURE: CARRIER:

FISCAL: No fiscal impact	
Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	9 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Bruun, Cannon, Dembrow, Garrett, Harker, Kotek, Maurer, Thompson, Greenlick
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Kennemer
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Meeting Dates:	3/20

REVENUE: No revenue impact

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires clinical laboratory to release test results to patient upon receiving proper authorization from a doctor, dentists, or person who requested the test.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current process of patients receiving laboratory results
- The need for patients to receive laboratory results in timely fashion ٠
- ٠ Current agreements between laboratories and providers
- Proposed amendment •

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Deletes the anticoagulant test result requirement and requires clinical laboratories, immediately upon receiving authorization from the ordering provider, to release results of test to patient.

BACKGROUND: Currently, clinical laboratories are required to issue laboratory results in writing "not sooner than seven days" (ORS 438.430). For medications that require adjustment, the seven day requirement makes it difficult for clinical laboratories to provide the appropriate and timely care for the patient.

HB 3234 A changes the seven day requirement and allows the laboratories to immediately release results upon receiving appropriate authorization from the ordering provider.