

SB 144 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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Meeting Dates: 1/30, 2/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Applies specified provisions of Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act (UAGA) to gifts of the whole body. Directs Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to include body donation organizations in standards and registration system related to organ procurement. Defines "body donation organization." Exempts body donation organization operated by Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) or other public university from OHA standards and regulation system.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Uniform Anatomical Gift Act (UAGA) is a federal law, first declared in 1968, that created the regulatory framework for the donation of organs, tissues, and other human body parts in the United States. Both Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) and Western University of Health Sciences, College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific (COMP-Northwest) operate whole body donation programs that allow an individual to gift her remains for use in helping to educate health care professionals.

Senate Bill 144 applies certain provisions of Oregon's codification of the federal UAGA to gifts of the whole body.