

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2585

By COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

March 28

- 1 Delete lines 4 through 27 of the printed bill and insert:
2 “**SECTION 1.** ORS 146.045 is amended to read:
3 “146.045. (1) After consultation with the State Medical Examiner Advisory Board, the Chief
4 Medical Examiner shall appoint each Deputy State Medical Examiner.
5 “(2) The Chief Medical Examiner shall:
6 “(a) Appoint and discharge each district medical examiner as provided by ORS 146.065 (2).
7 “(b) Designate those pathologists authorized to perform autopsies under ORS 146.117 (2).
8 “(c) Approve those laboratories authorized to perform the analyses required under ORS 146.113
9 (2).
10 “(3) The Chief Medical Examiner may:
11 “(a) Assume control of a death investigation in cooperation with the district attorney.
12 “(b) Order an autopsy in a death requiring investigation.
13 “(c) Certify the cause and manner of a death requiring investigation.
14 “(d) Amend a previously completed report on a death requiring investigation.
15 “(e) Order a body exhumed in a death requiring investigation.
16 “(f) Designate a Deputy State Medical Examiner as Acting Chief Medical Examiner.
17 “(g) After a reasonable and thorough investigation, complete and file a report of death for a
18 person whose body is not found.
19 “(4) Distribution of moneys from the Chief Medical Examiner’s budget for partial reimbursement
20 of each county’s autopsy expenditures shall be made subject to approval of the Chief Medical Ex-
21 aminer.
22 “(5) Within 45 days of receipt of information that a person is missing at sea and presumed dead,
23 the Chief Medical Examiner shall determine whether the information is credible and, if so, complete
24 and file a report of death for the person presumed dead. If the information is determined not to be
25 credible, the Chief Medical Examiner may continue the death investigation.
26 “(6) **Within 45 days after receiving a report from the Search and Rescue Coordinator, in**
27 **conjunction with a county sheriff, that a person is missing in the wilderness and is presumed**
28 **dead, the Chief Medical Examiner shall complete and file a report of death for the person**
29 **presumed dead.”.**
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