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Measure Description:

Requires Oregon Health Authority to establish and operate statewide registry for collection and dissemination of advance directives.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Information Technology, Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are anticipated to be minimal - See explanatory analysis.

Analysis:

SB 219 - 1 requires the Advance Directive Adoption Committee to submit a report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to judiciary and health no later than September 15, 2022. The report is to include recommendations for the development, adoption, and administration of a statewide advance directive registry, which will be used to collect and disseminate advance directives to help ensure that individuals" end of life medical treatment preferences are honored. The measure outlines specific requirements for the recommendations required in the report.

This measure is anticipated to have a minimal fiscal impact for the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). OHA's Public Health Division will need to research registry options and work with Advance Directive Adoption Committee to prepare a report on registry recommendations. The Office of Information Services will also need to assist with developing recommendations from an information technology perspective for the statewide advance directive registry. The costs associated with these activities could surpass the currently anticipated minimal fiscal impact should the agency need to contract for additional IT/registry services that are beyond the technical capacity of the Public Health Division.