

## SB 700 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### Senate Committee On Health Care

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**Action Date:** 03/29/21

**Action:** Do pass with amendments and requesting referral to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Engrossed.)

**Vote:** 4-1-0-0

**Yeas:** 4 - Beyer, Knopp, Manning Jr, Patterson

**Nays:** 1 - Heard

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** Revenue impact issued

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/24, 3/29

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes Oregon Brain Injury Board (Board) within the Department of Human Services and specifies membership. Establishes the Oregon Brain Injury Fund to provide services to individuals with brain injuries and to support research and education to increase awareness and understanding of issues and needs related to brain injuries. Requires Board to prioritize research related to traumatic brain injuries in awarding grants. Requires Board to report to the Legislative Assembly by September 1 of each year on expenditures, individuals receiving services, education provided, and research grants awarded. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Brain injury policy and resources in Oregon
- Lack of navigation or coordination services for individuals with brain injuries
- Brain injury resource facilitation services in other states

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

#### BACKGROUND:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention defines traumatic brain injury (TBI) as a disruption in the normal function of the brain that can be caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head, or penetrating head injury. From 2006 to 2014, the number of TBI-related emergency department visits, hospitalizations, and deaths increased by 53 percent. People who survive a TBI can face effects that last a few days, or the rest of their lives. These effects can include impairments related to thinking or memory, movement, sensation (e.g., vision or hearing), or emotional functioning (e.g., personality changes, depression). These issues not only affect the person who experienced the TBI, but also can have lasting effects on families and communities. Many states have established Resource Facilitation programs that help individuals with TBI, and their family members, identify and navigate brain injury resources, services, and supports.

Senate Bill 700 A establishes the Oregon Brain Injury Board to provide services to individuals with brain injuries and to support research and education related to brain injuries.