

SB 229 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Defines “adverse event” for the purposes of investigation and reporting by the Oregon Patient Safety Commission (OPSC). Directs the OPSC to investigate and analyze serious adverse events and their causes, including the role of health equity. Directs the OPSC to report aggregate, deidentified information on adverse events and to make recommendations to support patient safety.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Patient Safety Commission was established by the Legislative Assembly in 2003 as a semi-independent state agency to support health care facilities and providers to improve safety for patients. Established under ORS 442.820, the Commission was directed to operate a confidential, voluntary reporting system for serious adverse events. The enabling legislation did not define “adverse event” and provided limited guidance about how to collect and report data.

Senate Bill 229 defines “adverse event” and directs the Oregon Patient Safety Commission to investigate and analyze the causes of serious adverse events, including the role of health equity, and to make recommendations to improve patient safety.