

SB 216 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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Meeting Dates: 2/1, 2/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Creates an exception to ORS 181A.823, which prohibits public agencies from collecting individually identifiable data, so that the Oregon Health Authority and the Department Human Services may collect data related to race, ethnicity, language, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity in accordance with standards adopted by an advisory committee. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Removes the requirement that all data must be anonymized and aggregated to be shared, including between the Oregon Health Authority and Coordinated Care Organizations. Restrictions on data sharing remains in state law (ORS 192.311 to 192.478) and federal law (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act).

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Health Authority set a goal of eliminating health disparities by 2030 including those based on race, ethnicity, language, or disability (REALD) and sexual orientation or gender identity (SOGI). In House Bill 3159 (2021), the Legislative Assembly directed the Oregon Health Authority to use REALD and SOGI data to identify and address health disparities in affected communities.

ORS 181A.82 restricts public agencies from collecting individually identifiable data, limiting the Oregon Health Authority's ability to collect the data needed to fulfill the requirements of HB 3159.

Senate Bill 216 allows the Oregon Health Authority and the Department of Human Services to collect and share data as needed to identify and address health disparities consistent with standards adopted by an advisory committee.