

SB 573 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Center for Health Statistics to enter the name of each parent on the original record of live birth at the request of the person at least 21 years of age, when the paternity or parentage is determined under specified circumstances and charge a fee for the service. Applies to original records of live birth opened under ORS 432.250 at any time, whether before, on or after the effective date of this Act.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current Oregon laws for amending live birth records
- Minimum age requirements to request amending live birth records
- History of measure in legislature
- Requesting and obtaining copies of adoption court records, original pre-adoption birth certificates, and other identity documents

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Modifies specified circumstances under which paternity or parentage is determined. Establishes application requirements. Establishes parent name entry on original record has no legal effect for the child or the parents and directs Center for Health Statistics to display notification of it. Directs the Center for Health Statistics to adopt rules regarding fees for the preparation and registration of an amended original record of live birth and required documentation for establishing parentage.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon State Registrar of the Center for Health Statistics amends or replaces records of live births when it receives an adoption report, to establish the parentage or biological paternity of a person, and when changing a person's gender or name (ORS 432.245). These can be opened only with a court order or a voluntary adoption registry-operating agency request (ORS 432.250).

SB 573 would require that the name of a parent identified via review of DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) testing evidence be entered in the record of live birth of a person, should the person request it.