

SB 965 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

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Meeting Dates: 5/8, 5/10

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to conduct off-site investigation after receiving complaint against hospital for specified violations. Clarifies applicability of in-home care complaint procedures to hospice programs. Permits OHA to disclosure information obtained during complaint investigation if reasonably related to regulatory or enforcement function of another public entity. Allows OHA to require fingerprints of person applying for hemodialysis technician certificate. Updates dialysis facility definitions. Allows OHA to issue temporary or provisional certification to practice as hemodialysis technician during local, state, or federal declaration of state of emergency or public health emergency. Permits certification by reciprocity of hemodialysis technician. Removes requirement that outline of instruction for psilocybin service facilitator be submitted to Department of Education. Expands membership of Oregon Public Health Advisory Board (PHAB) from 14 to 18 members and specifies additional representation.

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

REVENUE: No revenue impact

SENATE VOTE: Ayes, 17; Nays 12; Excused, 1

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Alignment with federal regulations
- Increase in public representation on PHAB in alignment with health equity goals

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Health Authority's Public Health Division works to promote and protect safe, healthy, and resilient environments to improve quality of life and prevent the leading causes of death, disease, and injury in Oregon. The Public Health Division is made up of three centers: the Center for Health Protection, the Center for Public Health Practice, and the Center for Prevention and Health Promotion.

Senate Bill 965 A would clarify authority and scope for several programs administered by the Oregon Health Authority's Public Health Division.