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Senate Bill 189

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

[Requires Oregon Health Authority to study access to health care in Oregon. Directs authority to submit findings to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to health not later than September 15, 2024.]

Allows health care facility to transfer human pathological waste, which includes biopsy materials, human tissues and anatomical parts that emanate from surgeries, autopsies and obstetrical and laboratory procedures on humans, to donor of pathological waste or authorized representative of donor if waste is intended for cremation, interment or other final disposition.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to health care; amending ORS 459.400; and prescribing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 459.400 is amended to read:

459.400. The requirements of ORS 459.386 to 459.405 do not apply to:

(1) Waste, other than sharps as defined in ORS 459.386, that is:

(a) Generated in the practice of veterinary medicine; and

(b) Not capable of being communicated by invasion and multiplication in body tissues and capable of causing disease or adverse health impacts in humans.

(2) The removal from a health care facility as defined in ORS 442.015 of:

(a) A placenta by a postpartum mother pursuant to rules adopted by the Oregon Health Authority; **or**

(b) **Human pathological waste:**

(A) **By the donor of the pathological waste or an authorized representative of the donor; and**

(B) **That is intended by the recipient for cremation, interment, as defined in ORS 97.010, or other final disposition.**

SECTION 2. This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2023 regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.