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Good Morning Stacy!

Yes, we do have some concerns about this bill, here are some high level points:

- Under current law, county vital records offices issue birth and death certificates for events that occur in that county within six months of the date of the event.
- The effective date of January 1, 2024, is not possible. Requirements for system changes would need to be finalized by April 2023 for implementation on January 1, 2024. The bill will still have an impact on the county vital records offices revenue and workload. The extent of shift is uncertain. Time is needed to collaborate with counties and other partners to assess revenue sharing if the bill is to move forward. A January 1, 2025, effective date, would allow for coordination and collaboration with counties.
- As written, the bill has an unintended fiscal impact on the state vital records office. State vital records fee revenue gathered at the state vital records office will likely shift to the county vital records office, resulting in a reduction in revenue at the state which directly impacts our ability to maintain the infrastructure to support the statewide vital records data system:
 - Allowing counties to issue birth and death certificates regardless of the date of the event would result in a significant loss in revenue at the state, thus impacting the Center for Health Statistics ability to be a fully operational state vital records and statistics program.
 - Currently, revenues from records through OHA pay for the data infrastructure used by all and the loss in revenue could prevent state enhancements to the data system that provide vital statistics information needed to assess health disparities within communities
 - Under HB 2420, certificate issuances and collection of fees would likely shift from the state to the counties. A revenue loss at the state is estimated at \$2.6 million to \$3.8 a biennium.
 - This amount of revenue loss would require a reduction of 17-24 staff (33% to 46%) at the state.
 - There will also be 50,000 - \$100,000 system costs to enhance the state vital records system to allow expanded issuance of birth and death certificates at the county.
 - As written it has unintended fiscal consequences that will prevent the state vital records office from being operational as required by ORS 432.
 - Keeping the language “within six months of the date of the event” will alleviate the concerns about revenue loss at the state.

Finally, I would like to say that the processing times to issue certificates to funeral homes are improving. Thank you for reaching out, let me know if you have any questions on this information!

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Good evening Cynthia,

Sarah Lochner reached out to Representative Owens and mentioned that you may have some suggestions on amendments to HB 2420. Representative Owens would be interested in learning what these suggestions are. Could you provide them this coming week so that he has time to review prior to the public hearing on 3/7?

Thank you,
Stacy



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