

HB 4003 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires the Department of State Police to study the causes and ways to address the shortage of medical examiners in Oregon. It requires the Department to provide the results of the study to the Legislative Assembly by May 1, 2025. The measure sunsets on January 2, 2026. It takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Specifies elements to be included in study. Specifies entities Department of State Police must consult with in conducting study. Requires Department to provide results of study by September 1, 2025.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon State Police’s Medical Examiner Division is responsible certifying the cause and manner of death in specified circumstances, including violent deaths, deaths resulting from unlawful use of controlled substances, and deaths occurring in the custody of law enforcement. The Division has technical supervision of county offices in each of Oregon’s 36 counties.