

**HB 4003 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Rep. Wallan

**House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care**

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**Action Date:** 02/12/24

**Action:** Do pass with amendments and rescind subsequent referral to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng.)

**Vote:** 10-1-0-0

**Yeas:** 10 - Bowman, Conrad, Dexter, Diehl, Goodwin, Javadi, Nelson, Nosse, Pham H, Tran

**Nays:** 1 - Yunker

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/5, 2/12

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure requires the Oregon Department of State Police (OSP) to study the causes and ways to address the shortage of medical examiners in Oregon. It specifies elements to be included in the study. The measure requires OSP to provide the results of the study to the Legislative Assembly by October 1, 2025. It takes effect on the 91<sup>st</sup> day following adjournment sine die.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Current work by the Oregon Department of State Police to look at medical examiner shortage

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

Replaces the measure.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Oregon State Police's Medical Examiner Division is responsible for 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 provides technical supervision over county offices in each of Oregon's 36 counties.