

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 4003

By COMMITTEE ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE

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1 In line 2 of the printed bill, after the semicolon delete the rest of the line and insert “and de-
2 claring an emergency.”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 11 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Department of State Police shall study the causes of and ways to**
5 **address the shortage of medical examiners within this state. The results of the study must**
6 **include:**

7 **“(a) A plan to strengthen, supplement and make operational the recommendations from**
8 **the Medical Examiner Improvement in Oregon work group;**

9 **“(b) A determination of how to ensure that counties are provided with stabilized and**
10 **sustainable funding for medical examiner services that the state requires counties to pro-**
11 **vide;**

12 **“(c) An analysis of the development of new forensic pathology slots through the Oregon**
13 **Health and Science University;**

14 **“(d) A determination of how to ensure that Oregon is following best national and regional**
15 **practices in a timely manner, including an analysis of laws and legislation from other states;**

16 **“(e) An analysis of the potential utilization of the Conrad 30 waiver program for J-1 for-**
17 **ign medical graduates; and**

18 **“(f) A determination of how to best meet regional medical examiner needs across this**
19 **state.**

20 **“(2) In conducting the study described in subsection (1) of this section, the department:**

21 **“(a) Shall consult with all counties to ensure that any plan developed pursuant to the**
22 **study does not interfere with a well-functioning medical examiner program that currently**
23 **exists within any county;**

24 **“(b) Shall consult with district attorneys, public health providers, the Oregon Association**
25 **Chiefs of Police, the Oregon State Sheriffs’ Association, medical-legal death investigators,**
26 **national medical examiner accrediting organizations and federally recognized tribal govern-**
27 **ments within this state and at least one member of the public who has been affected by the**
28 **medical examiner shortage;**

29 **“(c) Shall consult with the Oregon Health Authority concerning the potential utilization**
30 **of the Conrad 30 waiver program and any other part of the study the department determines**
31 **to be appropriate; and**

32 **“(d) Shall consult with members of the Legislative Assembly serving on the interim**
33 **committees of the Legislative Assembly related to the judiciary and health care and members**
34 **of the Legislative Assembly serving on the interim subcommittee of the Joint Committee on**
35 **Ways and Means related to public safety.**

1 “(3) No later than October 1, 2024, the department shall provide the results of the study,
2 including any recommended legislative changes, in a report to the appropriate interim com-
3 mittees of the Legislative Assembly, in the manner provided under ORS 192.245.

4 “SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2024 Act is repealed on January 2, 2025.

5 “SECTION 3. This 2024 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
6 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2024 Act takes effect
7 on its passage.”.

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