

HB 3127 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure would require medical certifiers and medical examiners to complete death certificates using the state electronic reporting system.

Fiscal impact: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

Revenue impact: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

A death certificate is an essential document that allows families to access financial and personal accounts after a loved one's death. Delays in obtaining the certificate can complicate the process of managing the deceased's affairs.

The Oregon Vital Events Registration System (OVERS) was piloted in 2006 and offers a secure, web-based platform for the creation and distribution of vital records. Appropriately credentialed staff may request access to OVERS in order to sign vital records, including birth and death certificates, electronically. However, medical staff are not required to opt into the OVERS system and may continue to require paper certificates for signatures.

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