

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 844

Relating to public health

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Human Services Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Valderrama

SB 844 updates provisions relating to Oregon Health Authority opioid and opiate reporting, psilocybin investigations, environmental health and wastewater specialist and trainee eligibility requirements, and clinical laboratory requirements.

The measure requires OHA to adopt rules establishing an application process for permits allowing clinical laboratories to conduct health screenings and requires OHA to verify each clinical laboratory in Oregon meets federal guidelines and either issue, or facilitate the issuance of, a certificate to laboratories that qualify. Clinical laboratories are not permitted to operate without a certificate issued by OHA or the federal government.

The amendment makes technical changes and removes the requirement of OHA to enroll individuals who are eligible for pre-release medical assistance benefits in the correct benefit package and has a minimal fiscal impact.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends SB 844 be amended by the –A2 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.