

SB 813 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Reynolds

Senate Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 02/18/25
Action: Do pass.
Vote: 4-0-1-0
Yeas: 4 - Campos, Hayden, Patterson, Reynolds
Exc: 1 - Linthicum
Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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Meeting Dates: 1/30, 2/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure allows an employee of the Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) or a county juvenile department to petition to the circuit court to order a person who is the source of a significant exposure to be tested for communicable disease.

DETAILED SUMMARY:

- Includes OYA and county juvenile department employees among law enforcement officers, firefighters, and others who may request a court order compelling an individual who is the source of exposure to be tested for communicable diseases.
- Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Due process rights of youths.
- Consistency with corrections settings.

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Law enforcement officers, corrections workers, and other officials in Oregon may petition the circuit court, when they contact blood or bodily fluids, to order the source of exposure to be tested for communicable diseases. The petition must include the details of the exposure. The petitioner must first make a good faith effort to obtain voluntary consent from the source of the exposure to submit to testing for communicable diseases. The results of the test are confidential, not subject to public disclosure, and only available to the provider designated by the petitioner, the Oregon Health Authority, and the source person. The test results may not be used for civil or criminal investigation.

Senate Bill 813 allows an employee of the Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) or a county juvenile department to petition to the circuit court to order a person who is the source of exposure to a communicable disease to submit to testing.