

SB 424 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 04/07/25

Action: Do pass and refer to Ways and Means by prior reference.

Vote: 4-2-0-0

Yeas: 4 - Broadman, Gelser Blouin, Manning Jr, Prozanski

Nays: 2 - McLane, Thatcher

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

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Meeting Dates: 3/10, 4/7

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure appropriates funding, in an amount to be determined, to the Oregon Health Authority for an electronic filing system for records or reports required by the Oregon Death with Dignity Act. The measure declares an emergency and is effective July 1, 2025.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Funding mechanism for Senate Bill 1003 (2025)
- Death with Dignity Act form filing requirements
- Oregon Health Authority needs a new or updated electronic system to accept forms electronically

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon enacted its Death with Dignity Act in 1997 to allow terminally ill patients who meet certain criteria to end their lives through voluntary self-administration of a lethal dose of a medication prescribed by a physician for that purpose. A physician must document certain information in the medical record, and health care providers must file medication dispensing records with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). OHA reviews a sample of medical records, reports annually with statistical information, and refers any instances of noncompliance with the Act to the applicable licensing authority. Other proposed legislation, Sect. 15 of Senate Bill 1003 (2025), would require OHA to permit medical providers to submit records electronically. Current rules permit the submission of records by mail, facsimile, or secure electronic mail. [OAR 333-009-0010](#).