SB 690 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Early Childhood and Behavioral Health

Action Date: 04/08/25

Action: Without recommendation as to passage and request referral to Rules.

Vote: 4-1-0-0

Yeas: 4 - Anderson, Gorsek, Patterson, Reynolds

Nays: 1 - Linthicum
Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued
Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/3, 4/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to study perinatal public health issues and submit a report to the Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2026. Sunsets January 2, 2027.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Unsheltered homelessness among youth.
- Perinatal health care.
- Drivers of unsheltered homelessness.
- Modified child tax credit.

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Perinatal health refers to maternal and infant health during pregnancy, birth, and in the postpartum period. The Family and Child Health (FCH) Section of the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) (formerly the Maternal and Child Health Section) facilitates health promotion programs for families and children, distributes funds to community partners to support preconception, pregnancy, and early childhood health, and supports the work of public committees, including the Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Review Committee.

Senate Bill 690 directs the Oregon Health Authority to study perinatal public health issues and to submit a report to the Legislative Assembly.